



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Pedro Luis, Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Election of one Council Member to the Board of Public Works

Trost nominated Dickinson; no other nominations were made. Unanimous consent to elect Dickinson to the Board of Public Works.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, to APPROVE minutes of August 10, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[23-1051](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report

2023-09-001

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kiel, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-1087](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of July 2023.

2023-09-002

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Janssen thanked Explore La Crosse and the Parks Department for their work in bringing the USS LST325 to the City. Kahlow thanked those involved in the past and present for their efforts in purchasing lands for the Mississippi Valley Conservancy and their work in removing invasive species, building trails, and planting new grasses and flowers. Mayor Reynolds attended the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative annual meeting in Bemidji where he was selected to be Co-Chair; not only representing the City of La Crosse with this organization, but also on the national stage.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-1086](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in September 2023.

2023-09-003

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-1081](#)

Aviation Board: David Winiecki. Board of Zoning Appeals: Jai Johnson. Ethics Board: Grant Mathu. Floodplain Advisory Committee: Karla Doolittle & Sharon Hampson. International Committee: Karolyn Bald, Michael De Yoe, and Art Marson. Room Tax Commission: Stacy Erickson.

2023-09-004

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Kahlow, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE XV FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM:
(2/3 Vote Required)**

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to SUSPEND Council Rule XV for item 23-1059. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[23-0978](#)

Resolution approving the fifth change order to the energy saving performance contract with Johnson Controls, Inc.

2023-09-005

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0741](#)

A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend various sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to provide code language cleanup and clarification for code enforcement.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Hameister to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, to AMENDED (return Recycling Coordinator back to Fire Department). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Ord. 5261. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Hameister, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-0946](#)

Resolution establishing absentee voting locations for the 2024 elections.

2023-09-006

A motion was made by Hameister, seconded by Mindel, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-0947](#)

Resolution approving suspension of Council Rule IX (1) in order to reschedule the November 2023 Judiciary & Administration meeting.

2023-09-007

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Hameister, seconded by Sleznikow, that the be ADOPTED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0945](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Light Industrial District allowing for private development of parcels at Kinney Coulee Rd N.

Ord. 5262. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-0866](#)

Resolution approving use of existing, unappropriated project funds for additional work on the 2022 Curb & Gutter project.

2023-09-008

[23-0875](#)

Resolution denying application of Stephanie Ward for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2023-09-009

[23-0914](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Communication from the City Assessor relative to corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.

2023-09-010

[23-0929](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization of the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Building and Grounds and La Crosse Center department.

2023-09-011

[23-0948](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2023-2024 (September).
2023-09-012

[23-0973](#) Resolution authorizing the reclassification of an existing position within the Planning, Development and Assessors Department.
2023-09-013

[23-0996](#) Resolution approving a Service Agreement for Pest Control Services with Orkin, LLC.
2023-09-014

[23-1002](#) Resolution authorizing increase in contract amount for Chippewa Concrete Services for construction services for Phase II (2) of River Point District.
2023-09-015

[23-1059](#) Resolution approving Agreement for Sanitary Sewage Conveyance and Treatment between the City of La Crosse and the City of La Crescent.
2023-09-016

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[23-0791](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Special Multiple Dwelling District to the Planned Development District - General allowing for construction of approximately 14 2-bedroom homes at 5917 River Run Rd.
Referred to October 2023 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.