



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
City Hall, First Floor

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#### 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 Charles Robinson, First Church of Christ*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kahlow, to APPROVE minutes of February 8, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### Reports

##### [24-0356](#)

2023 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report

2024-03-001

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, 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

##### [24-0384](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of January.

2024-03-002

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel, 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

*CM Schwarz invited all to the first annual Ho Chunk Nation Founders Day Pow Wow, which will be taking place at the La Crosse Center on Saturday, March 30th.*

*Mayor Reynolds noted that he took part in the Annual Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics on March 2, which was originally started by Kerry Gloede; this year there were 436 plungers and over \$110,000 was raised, which exceeded the original fundraising goals. Reynolds thanked all involved, including those who donated.*

*Reynolds noted that he was in Washington DC the week of March 4th representing the Mississippi Rivers and Towns Initiative regarding issues that impact our community - flooding, drought resistance, and plastics pollution. He reminded the community to fill out Housing Survey on City website. This week he joined Governor Evers in a visit to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Reynolds also noted that Saturday, March 16, is the Irishfest Parade; the Hunger Task Force will be accepting donations along route. The City Brush Site will reopen on March 25. Reynolds welcomed Representative Oldenburg (96th Assembly District), who now represents the southern portion of the City with the redrawn Assembly and Senate districts.*

*CM Sleznikow noted that the City is in the process of updating Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and there will be an open house on March 26 at the Southside Neighborhood Center.*

*CM Goggin encouraged the community to fill out the ADRC survey regarding services for seniors.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-0371](#)

Resolution approving 2023/2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in March 2024.

2024-03-003

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, 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

[24-0355](#)

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Ralph Geary, Will Kratt. Heritage Preservation Commission: Jim Gallagher.

2024-03-004

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Dickinson, 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

## REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

### [24-0193](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Eco Concrete Company in the amount of \$622,729.68 for the Downtown Streetscaping & Tree Planting project.

2024-03-005

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Goggin

### [24-0195](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$272,013.21 for the Fiesta Court - Losey Boulevard to Dead End North project.

2024-03-006

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Dickinson, 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

### [24-0196](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Visu-Sewer LLC in the amount of \$1,805,325.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Lining & Rehabilitation - Division St to Cass St project.

2024-03-007

**A motion was made by Mindel, 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

### [24-0199](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$127,324.75 for the 2024 Annual Miscellaneous Curb & Gutter and Pavement Replacement project.

2024-03-008

**A motion was made by Schwarz, 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

[24-0200](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$105,887.65 for the 2024 Water Utility Sidewalk Replacement project

2024-03-009

**A motion was made by Trost, 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

[24-0201](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$59,951.50 for the 2024 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement project.

2024-03-010

**A motion was made by Trost, 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

[24-0203](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Les Manske & Sons Excavating & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$102,748.80 for the South Side Neighborhood Center Re-Roof project.

2024-03-011

**A motion was made by Woodard, 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

**REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED**

[24-0234](#)

Report of Bids for the La Crosse Center South Hall Reroofing Project.

2024-03-012

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Dickinson, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION**

[24-0068](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Public/Semi Public District allowing for the parcel to be combined with adjacent properties for construction of a parking structure at 221 16th St. N.

*Ord. 5282. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Schwarz, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.**

**A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Kahlow, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 60 days back through committee. The motion failed on a vote of 1-11 (Neumann - Yes; Trost - Abstained).**

**The motion to ADOPT carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Happel

**Abstain:** 1 - Trost

## ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

### ROLL CALL

*CM Schwarz recused herself from the following item and left her seat.*

- Present:** 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann
- Excused:** 1 - Rebecca Schwarz

#### [24-0190](#)

A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by conditionally transferring certain property from Washburn Residential Neighborhood District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing for continued use of the property as a professional office space at 212 11th Street South.

**A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Dickinson, to AMEND by substituting the Woodard proposed amendment with the Referred Amendment from the Judiciary & Administration Committee. The motion carried on a vote of 12-0 (Schwarz - Recused).**

**A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be AMENDED per the Woodard Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Recuse:** 1 - Schwarz

2024-03-013

**A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Dickinson, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED ADOPT AS AMENDED. The motion failed on a call of the roll (3/4 vote required) as follows:**

**Yes:** 8 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Trost, Neumann

**No:** 4 - Goggin, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

**Recuse:** 1 - Schwarz

### ROLL CALL

*CM Schwarz returned to her seat for the following item.*

- 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

[24-0279](#)

Amended Resolution appropriating ARPA funds in the amount of \$60,000 in connection with Legal Action of Wisconsin’s project entitled Eviction Defense Project to establish a service to provide free legal assistance for families that are at risk of eviction.

2024-03-014

**A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Woodard

**Abstain:** 1 - Kahlow

**ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

[24-0217](#)

Resolution approving Application of Karuna, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit at 1012 Grove Street allowing for a rooming house.

2024-03-015

**A motion was made by Kahlow, 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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Janssen, to ADOPTED the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[24-0189](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Residence District allowing for the property to be used as a duplex at 812 Windsor Street.

*Ord. 5283. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-1487](#)

Resolution approving partial vacation of public street Right-of-Way on the east side of 28th Street South, near Fairchild Street East.

2024-03-016

- [24-0167](#) Resolution approving Application of K & M Chances R LLC dba Chances R for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for a special event at 417 Jay Street on June 1, 2024.  
2024-03-017
- [24-0205](#) Resolution approving Application of A&S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 500 Copeland Avenue on June 8, 2024.  
2024-03-018
- [24-0237](#) Resolution approving Investment Service agreements for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.  
2024-03-019
- [24-0251](#) Resolution abolishing the City of La Crosse SLFRF Program Award Committee.  
2024-03-020
- [24-0262](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse Arts Board to enter into grant agreements.  
2024-03-021
- [24-0280](#) Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Professional Police Supervisory Association for January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026.  
2024-03-022
- [24-0281](#) Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Professional Police Non-Supervisory Association Local #26 for January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026.  
2024-03-023
- [24-0283](#) Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of not to exceed \$6,765,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer System Revenue Bonds, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin  
2024-03-024
- [24-0284](#) 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 (March).  
2024-03-025



**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.*