



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, May 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Chris Kahlow

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Jacob Eichers, Faith Lutheran Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, to APPROVE minutes of April 11, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-0622](#)

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

2024-05-001

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

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds noted that the meeting is Council Member Hameister's final meeting and thanked her for her service. Trost thanked staff particularly the Planning Department. Woodard noted that there was a ground-breaking yesterday for a new 62-unit complex at 4th and Jackson. Kiel thanked the Fire Department for their hydro-helpers program that educates gets youth involved in being involved in the community. Sleznikow noted the upcoming "Ride with the Mayor" bicycling event on May 30th. Mayor Reynolds noted that the week is Municipal Clerks Week and also Public Service Recognition Week. He added that the week of the 19th is Public Works Week and May 16th is the annual Touch-a-Truck event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal Service Center. He noted that Sunday May 5th was the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's commemorative event in Burns Park and thank everyone who involved in that event as well as those that participated in Neighbors Day - overall there were 400 volunteers that assisted at 180 homes. He noted the ongoing work on BPAC plan and that a public engagement meeting is coming up on May 20th at the Southside Neighborhood Center. Mindel noted that La Crosse was selected of as one of twelve cities in the U.S. for the 2024 Lead Cities National Cohort program to work with the other eleven cities to advance climate goals and build peer to peer opportunities; this group represents over 4 million people in the U.S.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-0621](#)

Resolution approving 2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in May 2024.

2024-05-002

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

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to SUSPEND Council Rule XV for files 24-0467, 24-0456, 24-0564, and 24-0617. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0376](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$180,094.18 for the Liberty St Reconstruction - St. James St to St. Cloud St project.

2024-05-003

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

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

Absent: 1 - Kahlow

[24-0377](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$326,467.50 for the Charles St Reconstruction - Logan St to St. Paul St project.

2024-05-004

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

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

Roll Call

Goggin left at 6:16 p.m.

Present: 11 - Tamra Dickinson, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 2 - Erin Goggin, Chris Kahlow

[24-0378](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$132,313.97 for the 9th Street S project.

2024-05-005

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

[24-0379](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,749,678.57 for the Onalaska Ave & Moore Street project.

2024-05-006

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Absent: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

[24-0552](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services in the amount of \$575,876.33 for the Rose Street & St James Street Streetscape & Reconstruction project.

2024-05-007

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

[24-0553](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Brickl Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$128,146.00 for the City of La Crosse Emergency Operations Center project.

2024-05-008

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

ITEM WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[24-0617](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Section 2-31(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to update ward boundaries and Aldermanic Districts following state legislative redistricting decision.

Ord. 5291. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0497](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Police Department to continue participation in the Wisconsin Emergency Management Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program.

2024-05-009

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

[24-0456](#)

Resolution to cancel a previously approved street and utilities CIP project (2023 #470) and reallocate funds to existing underfunded utilities and street projects (2024 #183, 209, 860, 867, 868, and 878).

2024-05-010

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

[24-0564](#)

Resolution allocating unused TID 11 funds to CIP project 2022 #736 (Cass Street Beautification).

2024-05-011

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Goggin, Kahlow

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Schwarz, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [24-0516](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Heavy Industrial District to the Local Business District allowing for an ethnic grocery store with new housing units built over the existing structure at 2109-2111 South Avenue.
Ord. 5292. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [24-0550](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend secs. 10-47, 10-49, and 10-76 of the Municipal Code of the City of La Crosse regarding beer gardens.
Ord. 5293. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [24-0432](#) Resolution approving application of CY Capital LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 200 Main Street, Suite 101, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2024-05-012
- [24-0467](#) Resolution regarding former Naval Reserve Training Center.
2024-05-013
- [24-0469](#) Resolution approving lease with The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse.
2024-05-014
- [24-0472](#) Resolution authorizing renewal for the Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Response Services 2024-2026 agreement.
2024-05-015
- [24-0484](#) Resolution approving a reorganization of the table of positions and classifications for the Street department.
2024-05-016
- [24-0488](#) 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 (May).
2024-05-017

- [24-0490](#) Preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs. 66.0829 and 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the operating and maintenance of a downtown parking system.
2024-05-018
- [24-0500](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Water and Wastewater department
2024-05-019
- [24-0511](#) Resolution to support the designation of the Mississippi River Trail within the limits of the City of La Crosse.
2024-05-020
- [24-0515](#) Resolution approving application of CDHN LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 200 Main Street, Suite 102, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2024-05-021
- [24-0517](#) Resolution approving request for exception to Commercial Design Standards by Kwik Trip Inc. allowing for exceptions to parking and building setback standards for the construction of a new convenience store at 2622 Rose Street and 1133 West George Street.
2024-05-022
- [24-0518](#) Resolution amending the sale agreement of City owned surplus property on Kinney Coulee Rd, parcel 17-10575-63, to Sarah and Dylan Delagrave.
2024-05-023
- [24-0519](#) Resolution approving application of Householder Taverns LLC dba Bennett O'Riley's South La Crosse for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License for a special event at 4329 Mormon Coulee Road on Saturday, June 8, 2024.
2024-05-024
- [24-0556](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of five clean diesel buses for the Municipal Transit Utility.
2024-05-025

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.