



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, February 13, 2014

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 16 - Andrea Richmond, Dempsey Miller, Ryan Cornett, Jai Johnson, David Krump, James Cherf, Robert Seaquist, Richard Becker, Peg Jerome, Audrey Kader, Sara Sullivan, Francis J. Formanek, Paul Medinger, Douglas Happel, Marilyn Wigdahl, Richard Swantz

Absent: 1 - Katherine Svitavsky

Svitavsky arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Sister Eileen Lang, Franciscan Sisters Perpetual Adoration

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Richmond, seconded by Cornett, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Actions by Single Vote

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Cornett that the Reports be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried unanimously.

[14-0129](#)

2013 Annual Report of the Department of Building & Inspections.

2014-02-019

[14-0152](#)

Report of the Department of Building & Inspections for the month of January 2014.

2014-02-020

Notices and Discussions

Announcement of Radebaugh Award received by Jared Greeno, Wastewater General Superintendent.

CM Miller announced February is African American Heritage Month, and a ceremony will be held at Lincoln Middle School February 14, 2014 at 1:15 p.m.

City Planner Larry Kirch announced community meetings starting next week regarding Pocket Neighborhoods.

Fire Department Badge Presentation

Matt Hoeff

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

Actions by Single Vote

Swantz read the following resolutions and appointments by the Mayor and moved they be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0185](#)

Resolution approving Engineering Estimates for February 2014.

2014-02-021

[14-0189](#)

Resolution approving 2013 and 2014 bills paid in February.

2014-02-022

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[14-0156](#)

German International Relations Committee: Council Member Peg Jerome, 1220 14th St. S. La Crosse Branch Library Task Force: Council Member Sara Sullivan, 608 16th St. S. Council Member Dempsey Miller, 1927 George St. Council Member Andrea Richmond, 1312 Cunningham St. Cindy Halter, 3013 Cliffside Dr. Richard Frost, 1210 19th St. S. Laurie Landry, 2015 16th St. S. Eileen Severson, 1214 Charles St. Aviation Board: William Blank, W5843 Vista Dr. Citizens Board of Review: Barb Janssen, 762 22nd St. N. Economic Development Commission: Council Member Fran Formanek, 2118 13th Pl. S. International Committee: Irene Barmore, 2025 State St.

2014-02-023

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

Motion by Becker, seconded by Richmond, to suspend Council Rule VIII. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[14-0085](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Water Works Docks & Boatlifts in the amount of 57,117.97 for West Copeland Marina Docks including two alternates.

2014-02-024

A motion was made by Swantz that the Report of Bids be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0115](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Klich Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$46,900.00 for Generator Replacement at Fire Station No. 3.
(2/3 vote of Council required for Reserve Funds)

2014-02-025

A motion was made by Wigdahl that the Report of Bids be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Actions by Single Vote

Wigdahl read the following items and moved they be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0102](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer in the amount of \$107,105.80 for Miscellaneous Curb & Gutter & Pavement Replacement & Repair throughout City of La Crosse.

2014-02-026

[14-0113](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to EVP Construction, LLC in the amount of \$425,322.00 to Construct Single Family Homes: 918 & 922 Tyler Street.

2014-02-027

[14-0114](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Wapasha Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$249,500.00 for Pammel Creek Drainage Channel Repairs.

2014-02-028

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[14-0001](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds for the reconstruction of Oak Street from Palace Street to Enterprise Avenue (#5991-05-78, 03).

2014-02-029

Actions by Single Vote

Happel read the following items and moved the committee recommendations to be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0015](#)

Resolution authorizing lease with Davy Engineering Co.

2014-02-030

[14-0017](#)

Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to prepare plans, specifications and estimates, advertise for bids and report thereo to the Common Council for projects included in the approved 2014 Budget.

2014-02-031

- [14-0023](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$550,000 general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse for street purposes.
2014-02-032
- [14-0024](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$1,050,000 bonds of the City of La Crosse for Park purposes.
2014-02-033
- [14-0025](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$10,000 bonds of the City of La Crosse for Library purposes.
2014-02-034

Actions by Single Vote

Medinger read the following items and moved the committee recommendations to be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

- [14-0026](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$850,000 general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse for TID Projects.
2014-02-035
- [14-0027](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$60,000 general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse for Public Building purposes.
2014-02-036
- [14-0028](#) Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$2,520,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014-A, and approximately \$5,830,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2014-B of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
2014-02-037
- [14-0029](#) Resolution authorizing expenditures for the purchase of 2014 new equipment approved in the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement budget.
2014-02-038

- [14-0037](#) Resolution appropriating money for additional hard drive storage for library.
2014-02-039

Actions by Single Vote

Formanek read the following items and moved the committee recommendations to be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

- [14-0049](#) Application of Matthew J. Miller for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department and resolution denying same.
(Note: The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Council may reconvene in open session.)
2014-02-040

- [14-0052](#) Resolution to approve 2014 Collapse Rescue Contract through the State of Wisconsin.
2014-02-041

- [14-0084](#) Application of Cory M. Sobkowiak for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department and resolution approving same.
(Note: The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Council may reconvene in open session.)
2014-02-042

- [14-0144](#) Resolution approving Investment Services Agreements for March 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015.
2014-02-043

- [14-0149](#) Resolution approving a wage increase for SEIU employees effective January 3, 2014.
2014-02-044

Actions by Single Vote

Sullivan read the following items and moved the committee recommendations to be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0175](#)

Resolution providing the Mayor with the ability to authorize litigation concerning agreements between the City of La Crosse and La Crosse Municipal Harbor, Inc.

(Note: The Committee, Committee of the Whole and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

2014-02-045

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE DIVIDED

[14-0068](#)

Various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2013-14 (February through June).

2014-02-046

DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

[14-0197](#)

Resolution approving Application of Kristi Chamberlain-Lindsey dba Kristi's Place for a Secondhand Article Dealer License at 732 Rose Street.

2014-02-047

ADOPTED

[14-0198](#)

Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2013-14 (balance of 2-4-2014 license list).

2014-02-048

ADOPTED

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[13-0071](#)

Second Amended Resolution approving license agreement with the 4000 Foundation.

(Note: The committee, Committee of the Whole and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Medinger moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Seconded by Richmond and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Richmond moved to reconvene in open session. Seconded by Medinger and carried unanimously.

2014-02-049

Sullivan read the following item and moved the committee report to REFER. Motion failed 1-16 (Becker voted "yes").

Johnson moved to ADOPT; seconded by Krump. Kader moved to amend the resolution to approve the Agreement dated January 2, 2014 and add language to require Council approval in the event of future sale or relocation of locomotive, tender and caboose. Seconded by Cornett. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kader, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

No: 1 - Becker

NEW ITEMS FOR REFERRAL

Kader and Jerome offered for first reading the following ordinances. The ordinances and the remainder of the items are referred to March 2014 meetings.

[14-0100](#)

AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (Binsfeld Property).

[14-0135](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Paragraph 15.04(N)(3)(vi) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding existing fences adjacent to or encroaching into alley right of way.

[14-0151](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create paragraph 11.03(B) (7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse Extending the Bluff Slough Slow No Wake Zone to the South Lot Line of Parcel 17- 50030-90 within the City Limits of the City of La Crosse.

- [14-0165](#) AN ORDINANCE to repeal a portion of Section 25.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to rescind the permit and fee requirements for roofing, siding and window replacements.
- [14-0170](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 2.35 (A) to (D) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the continuity of government.
- [14-0171](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Section 2.37(A)(6) and to amend Subsection 2.37(B) and (C) Of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding mobs or riots - emergency action.
- [14-0172](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Section 2.52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Emergency Management.
- [14-0178](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General and Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific to provide additional parking at 231 10th St. N., 920 Vine St. and 919 State St.
- [14-0179](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Residence District to allow property to be rented as a duplex at 2326-2328 State St.
- [14-0195](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Washburn Residential District to combine lots improving a parking situation at adjacent properties and to allow for the construction of a new home on the vacant lot at 812/814 7th St. S.
- [13-0878](#) Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Engineering Department.
- [14-0021](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell City-owned land on the west side of Copeland Avenue adjacent to the La Crosse River to Dahl Ford.
- [14-0067](#) Resolution approving and ratifying a stop loss contract between the City of La Crosse and QBE A&H, LLC effective January 1, 2014
- [14-0101](#) Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (Binsfeld Property - Nakomis Avenue).
- [14-0103](#) Amended Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant with the La Crosse Community Foundation.

- [14-0116](#) Certified Survey Map Lot 3 and Part of Lot 4 Block 25 T Burns HS Durand ST Smith & FM Rublees Addition, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and resolution approving same.
- [14-0121](#) Resolution authorizing repairs to the Airport Fire Station.
- [14-0122](#) Resolution authorizing updates to the Airport Minimum Standards.
- [14-0123](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement mower for the Airport.
- [14-0124](#) Resolution authorizing funds for Airport runway work.
- [14-0125](#) Resolution authorizing Airport sign replacement project.
- [14-0127](#) Resolution approving the reorganization of the table of positions and classifications for the Airport.
- [14-0150](#) Resolution approving City of La Crosse Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions - 2014.
- [14-0154](#) Resolution authorizing purchase of video surveillance storage.
- [14-0155](#) Resolution authorizing advance notice of retirement by Department Heads.
- [14-0157](#) Amended Resolution endorsing the 2014 joint application to the Wisconsin Main Street program.
- [14-0158](#) Resolution approving the Community Development Investment Grant Agreement between the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the City of La Crosse.
- [14-0159](#) Resolution approving Mutual Aid Agreement between City of La Crosse Fire Department and Town of Shelby Fire Department.
- [14-0161](#) Resolution authorizing 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan & 2014 Action Plan in connection with the CDBG and HOME Programs.
- [14-0162](#) Amended Resolution releasing 2014 2018 CIP Funds up to \$50,000 for a Paint and Fix-up Program.
- [14-0166](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to seek proposals from qualified vendors to provide pharmacy benefit management services for the term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

- [14-0167](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to seek proposals from qualified vendors for Third Party Administration of the City of La Crosse's Internal Revenue Service Section #125 Plan.
- [14-0168](#) Amended Resolution approving carryover list of unexpended appropriations from the 2013 operating budget to the 2014 operating budget.
- [14-0169](#) Resolution requesting that the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation prepare the Coulee Connections Transportation Study in order to develop new ideas to address transportation needs in the La Crosse area.
- [14-0180](#) Application of Western Technical College for a Conditional Use Permit allowing for demolition of building to provide parking with bioswales for storm water management at 402 8th St. N. and resolution approving same.
- [14-0184](#) 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 May 31, 2014 and resolution approving same.

Adjournment

On motion by Richmond, seconded by Cornett, unanimous approval to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.