

Resolution declaring certain property located at 1222 Denton Street (tax parcel 17-30046-10) as surplus property.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse owns the property at 1222 Denton Street (tax parcel 17-30046-10), known as the "Southside Senior Center"; and

WHEREAS, this property was built by the City of La Crosse in 1895 to serve the City Fire Department as the Eighth Ward Engine House and that building was renamed Fire Station #5 and served in that capacity until 1967; and

WHEREAS, this property is also one of the only two historic fire station buildings from the 19th Century still standing, and it is the last of the City's fire stations equipped solely with horse drawn fire engines; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 the fire station was converted to use as a senior citizen center and it has been that use ever since; and

WHEREAS, this property is in need of extensive repairs totaling over \$256,000 (2012 estimates), the exterior of the building has become a blighting influence and is it no longer financially feasible for the City to continue to maintain this property; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Senior Citizens Multiple Service Center, Inc., the group which currently leases this building, has agreed to move to the Southside Neighborhood Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse is experiencing a low supply of new quality housing and it is the opinion of Planning & Development staff that the best use of this property is for taxable apartments or commercial space or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, that while this property is challenged by a number of repairs that are required, the City shall set the initially asking price for the building at \$300 so that those significant renovations can be made to the property including the restoration of the historical façade of the building and to make the project financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, a title search and historical background on the property has revealed no liens on the property or deed requirements to prevent this property from being sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby declares the property located at 1222 Denton Street (tax parcel 17-30046-10) as surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Planning and Development Department, under the oversight of the Community Development Committee, shall list the property for sale along with a list of mandated repairs, to develop the property into taxable housing or commercial space.

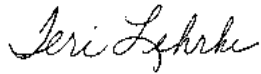
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Planning and Development Department will assist in obtaining proper zoning for the property before transferring ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all potential offers on the building and plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if no viable offers are received after eighteen (18) months of listing the property for sale, the building shall be demolished and the vacant lot sold for redevelopment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are authorized to take any and all steps to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on July 11, 2019.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*