



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, August 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

Excused: 2 - Justice Weaver, Gary Padesky

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was offered by Pastor Rufus Parker of Calvary Apostolic Church.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Medinger, that the Minutes of July 11, 2019 be APPROVED. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports

[19-1067](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of June 2019.

2019-08-001

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1144](#)

Report of Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety on Inspections & Permit Revenue for the Month of July 2019.

2019-08-002

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

Notices and Discussions

Janssen spoke about the opening of Memorial Pool and fundraising goal.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[19-1137](#)

Resolution approving August 2019 Engineering Estimates.

2019-08-003

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1169](#)

Resolution approving 2019 bills paid in August 2019.

2019-08-004

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[19-1151](#)

City of La Crosse Arts Board: Barry McKnight, Dillon McArdle, Dick Record. International Committee: Melissa Giefer, Mary Rohrer, Emelee Volden, Todd Bye, Heather Dutcher, Irene Barmore. Safe Routes to School Steering Committee: Matthew Gallagher, Virginia Loehr, Larry Sleznikow, Michael Freybler, Jim Longhurst, Linda Lee, Josh Larson, Jack Zabrowski, Jackie Eastwood.

2019-08-005

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

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

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, that to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII on Items 19-1070, 19-1075, 19-1076, 19-1079 and 19-1119. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1036](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding the contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$148,905.13 for the 2019 Streetscaping-St. Andrew Street project.

2019-08-006

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Christians, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1072](#)

Report of Quotes & Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$19,872.80 for Mulberry Lane Lighting Project.

2019-08-007

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1149](#)

Report of Quotes & Resolution awarding the contract to Lunda Construction Company in the amount of \$283,163.00 for the George Street Bridge Rehabilitation project.

2019-08-008

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Neumeister, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1150](#)

Report of Quotes & Resolution awarding contract to Lunda Construction Company in the amount of \$357,949.00 for the Rose Street & Copeland Avenue Bridges Rehabilitation project.

2019-08-009

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-0953](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing the use of funds for a Floodplain Relief Program.

2019-08-010

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1003](#)

Resolution approving Application of Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Medical Center for a Conditional Use Permit allowing demolition of existing buildings for construction of a parking lot at 1001-1007 Jackson St. and 930 11th St. S.

2019-08-011

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

Yes: 9 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 2 - Janssen, Kahlow

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1077](#)

Resolution denying Application of Michael W. Quinones 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.

2019-08-012

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 1 - Olson

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1075](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with not to exceed \$7,160,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2019-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be AMENDED to award bid to Raymond James & Associates and fill in the blanks with interest rates as noted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

2019-08-013

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1076](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with the issuance of not to exceed \$1,450,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be AMENDED to award the bid to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and fill in the blanks and interest rate as noted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

2019-08-014

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

[19-1055](#)

Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2019-20 (August).

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be AMENDED to delete the application of Katchever & Co. for a winery license (withdrawn). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

2019-08-015

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Padesky

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [19-1015](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 46-106 and 46-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the Sanitary Sewer Discharge Permit System.
Ord. 5103. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [19-0939](#) Resolution and Report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.
2019-08-016
- [19-0948](#) Resolution approving Application of Roy L. Vingers American Legion Post 52 dba American Legion Post 52 for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License for Special Event at 711 6th St. S. on September 1, 2019.
2019-08-017
- [19-0951](#) Resolution authorizing use of contingency funds for the purchase of Parks & Recreation copier and Engineering plotter.
2019-08-018
- [19-0959](#) Resolution establishing the 2020-2024 Capital Equipment Budget.
2019-08-019
- [19-0998](#) Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the hiring of Police Officer candidates.
2019-08-020
- [19-1018](#) Resolution approving final contract and revised terms and conditions for the Floodplain Re-Mapping of Ebner Coulee by the consultant Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH).
2019-08-021
- [19-1029](#) Resolution appropriating funds for Trane Park from Tax Incremental District 15.
2019-08-022

- [19-1030](#) Resolution reallocating funds for Powell Park basketball courts from Poage Park.
2019-08-023
- [19-1037](#) Resolution relocating polling place.
2019-08-024
- [19-1039](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Police Parking Utility.
2019-08-025
- [19-1054](#) Resolution approving Request of Mai Chong Xiong and Pheng Lor for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 2123 13th St. S.
2019-08-026
- [19-1065](#) Resolutions authorizing acceptance of grant and the purchase of one (1) 35 - foot clean diesel bus.
2019-08-027
- [19-1070](#) Resolution approving First Amendment to Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Conveyance and Treatment Between the City of La Crosse, WI and the City of La Crescent, MN.
(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters and to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)
2019-08-028
- [19-1079](#) Resolution approving a reclassification of the Administrative Coordinator position of the La Crosse Regional Airport.
2019-08-029
- [19-1119](#) Resolution confirming the appointment of Ian Turner as Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport tentatively effective September 6, 2019.
2019-08-030

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED[19-0906](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Division 6 of Ch. 115, Art. VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Solar Energy Systems.

Re-referred 30 days to September 2019

[19-1032](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force to enter into a Professional Services Contract with the UW-La Crosse Tourism Research Institute for the preparation of a La Crosse Historical and Cultural Museum Feasibility Study.

Re-referred 30 days to September 2019

Adjournment

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Olson, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.