



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on January 8, 2025.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mackenzie Mindel

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Northwood, that to **APPROVE** the minutes of November 13 and 17, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[25-1427](#)

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

2025-12-001

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

Notices and Discussions

Council President Dickinson thanked JD Roberts the Airport Business manager, for his work in gaining new Allegiant airline services which will be starting in February. She also noted that District 1 has the second and third ADU (accessory dwelling unit) in the city. Council Member Trost expressed gratitude to: Kyle Coman, street crews that deal with leaves and snow, Assessors office staff for their professionalism during the Board of Review hearings, Derek Grebon, Tina Erickson, department heads on their work on the budget, Council President Dickinson, MTU Bus drivers, previous council members for ending off-street parking mandates, current members for running, and Library Archivist Derocher. Council Member Goggin thanked Julie Emslie, Jenna Dinkel, Tim Acklin for bringing a vibrant space to the Northside in District 2, the Police Department for their help with the rotary lights parade, former Washburn member Joann Neve, the Parks & Rec. department related to Badger-Hickey Park, and Ryan Rasmussen. Council Member Padesky happy birthday to wife. Council Member Bedford offered a snow removal reminder and thanked those that remove snow.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-1426](#)

Resolution approving 2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in December 2025.

2025-12-002

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

25-1424

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Kevin Hundt. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Lauren Fortin. Housing Authority: Christina Beckner. La Crosse County Convention & Visitors Bureau: Jen Burch. Police & Fire Commission: Joan Parke. Redevelopment Authority: Phillip Ostrem. Room Tax Commission: Maureese Godoy, Wayne Delagrave.

2025-12-003

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Newberry, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Appointments be DIVIDED to vote on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee appointment separately. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Weston

No: 5 - Dickinson, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Northwood, that to CONFIRM the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee appointment (Kevin Hundt). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Janssen

Excused: 1 - Mindel

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Newberry, to CONFIRM the remainder of the Appointments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

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

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Sleznikow, to Suspend Council Rule XV for 25-1392 and 25-1406. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**25-0850**

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to T2 Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$500,562.36 for the Badger-Hickey Park Restrooms and Shelter project.

2025-12-004

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

25-1231

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$911,919.28 for the 21st Street N - Vine St to Campbell Rd & Pine St - 2000 Pine St to Campbell Rd project.

2025-12-005

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

25-1347

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to BKC Construction LLC in the amount of \$2,471,634.02 for the Highway 16 Water Transmission Line - North project.

2025-12-006

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

[25-1348](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$5,174,219.92 for the Highway 16 Water Transmission Line - South project.

2025-12-007

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

[25-1350](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$588,809.23 for 2025 Signal Replacement at Mormon Coulee Road and Losey Boulevard project.

2025-12-008

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-1352](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the reconstruction of La Crosse Street from 7th St to 12th St. (Project I.D.s #7575-09-01/21/71).

2025-12-009

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

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 4 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Padesky

[25-1358](#)

Resolution encumbering additional funds from previous allocations for the Rose Street Streetscape & Saint James Street Reconstruction projects (contract CURB-2024-029).

2025-12-010

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 1 - Mindel

[25-1372](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing the Sanitary Sewer Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project and equipment needs.

2025-12-011

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Goggin

Excused: 1 - Mindel

[25-1373](#)

Resolution authorizing the Water Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project needs.

2025-12-012

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Goggin

Excused: 1 - Mindel

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [25-1097](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate sec 2-405 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the sale of surplus land.
ORD. 5354. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [25-1325](#) 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 a duplex and the construction of an accessory dwelling unit at 1931 George Street & 1126 Livingston Street.
ORD. 5355. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [25-1326](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Low Density Multiple Dwelling District to the Commercial District, allowing for 610 Hagar Street to be combined with the adjacent parcel of the same zoning.
ORD. 5356. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [25-1153](#) Resolution relocating District 7 polling place effective January 1, 2026.
2025-12-013
- [25-1155](#) Resolution establishing absentee voting locations for the 2026-27 elections.
2025-12-014
- [25-1156](#) Resolution approving Election Officials for 2026-2027 election term.
2025-12-015
- [25-1263](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapter 10, Articles XIII, XIV, and XVIII of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the 2026 license period (Public Vehicle for Hire, Horse-Drawn Vehicle, Pedicabs and Pedal Cars).
2025-12-016

- [25-1264](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2025-2026 (December).
2025-12-017
- [25-1294](#) Resolution approving the partial vacation of public right-of-way along the western side of the 1800 block of 13th Street South.
2025-12-018
- [25-1319](#) Resolution approving twenty-year lease extension with the La Crosse Queen LLC, for the business at Riverside Park, located at 401 Front St. S.
2025-12-019
- [25-1327](#) Amended Resolution allocating Town of Medary Fire Contract escrowed funds to offset new fire station construction cost overruns.
2025-12-020
- [25-1328](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of an interim La Crosse Regional Airport Director effective October 24, 2025.
2025-12-021
- [25-1332](#) Resolution approving a Lateral Transfer Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.
2025-12-022
- [25-1336](#) Resolution allocating unspent capital funds, from CIP 2024 #856 (Cottonwood Trail Culvert Replacement Project) and CIP 2025 and 2026 #551 (Marsh Hydrology Study and Implementation) to CIP 2024 #857 (Grand Crossing Trail Reconstruction).
2025-12-023
- [25-1357](#) Resolution allocating \$2 million to the Employee Benefit Trust Fund.
2025-12-024
- [25-1359](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file application for Transit Operations and Capital Assistance for 2026 with the Federal Transit Administration.
2025-12-025

- [25-1360](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file for 2026 Transit Operations and Capital Assistance with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
2025-12-026
- [25-1364](#) Resolution approving a Vacation Conversion Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters ("IAFF"), Local #127.
2025-12-027
- [25-1366](#) Resolution approving a Sick Leave and Personal Business Days Conversion Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.
2025-12-028
- [25-1367](#) Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #519.
2025-12-029
- [25-1371](#) Resolution authorizing the Stormwater Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project needs.
2025-12-030
- [25-1392](#) Resolution allowing Drift Share Inc. to store bicycles in the currently vacant fire station located at the former Fire Station #2 on 626 Monitor Street.
2025-12-031

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED - POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

- [25-1118](#) Resolution approving the Settlement Agreement in the case of Valley View Realty Holdings, LLC and the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin. *(Note: The Committee 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.)*
2025-12-032

[25-1354](#)

Resolution approving the revised Settlement Agreement in the case of J.P. Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust and the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin of La Crosse, La Crosse County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-016. *(Note: The Committee 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.)*

2025-12-033

[25-1376](#)

Resolution approving the Certificate and Consent to Assign with regard to the property at 101 State Street (The Charmant Hotel). *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2025-12-034

[25-1406](#)

Resolution approving Second Amendment to 333 Front Street Development Agreement. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2025-12-035

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.