



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, to **APPROVE** minutes of March 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-0494](#)

2023 La Crosse Fire Department Annual Community Report.

2024-04-001

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[24-0514](#)

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

2024-04-002

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Sleznikow noted the La Crosse Earth Fair on April 28th in Myrick Park. Schwarz noted the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness day event on May 5th in Burns Park. Mayor Reynolds noted the 2023 Annual Report from La Crosse Library and thanked Library Director Shanneon Grant. He added that the City was recognized in the Municipality Magazine for receiving a Sustainability Award from the Sustainability Institute and that the City received a financial award from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund. Reynolds added that he hosted the Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting this week with Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez and thanked staff and those present for participating. Reynolds noted that April 27th is the annual Neighbors Day clean-up. Lastly, Reynolds noted the ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings for the Cinnaire project at 4th and Jackson, the MSP RiverPoint project, and the Kids Coulee playground at Myrick Park.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-0495](#)

Resolution approving 2023/2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in April 2024.

2024-04-003

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-0496](#)

Citizens Board of Review: Paul Bagniefski, Scott Rada. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Adam Jacobson.

2024-04-004

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Schwarz, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Mindel, to SUSPEND CR XV for items 24-0482 and 24-0483. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**24-0192**

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$89,442.27 for the Traffic Calming Gladys Street & Main Street project.

2024-04-005

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

24-0197

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$131,866.00 for the 2024 Annual Sidewalk & ADA Ramp Replacement Program Project.

2024-04-006

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

24-0198

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$113,766.50 for the 2024 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Infill project.

2024-04-007

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

24-0375

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$85,472.35 for the County B Retaining Wall Project.

2024-04-008

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[24-0382](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$311,453.14 for the 2024 Curb & Gutter with Utilities (South) project.

2024-04-009

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[24-0380](#)

Report of Bids for the Badger-Hickey Park Shelter Project.

2024-04-010

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0278](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Section 115-86 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding protest against a district change or amendment.

Ord. 5284. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Goggin, that the Ordinance be AMENDED with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The motion failed on a vote of 6-7 (No: Dickinson, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann).

The motion to adopt the original Ordinance carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Dickinson, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 6 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

[24-0348](#)

Resolution regarding sidewalk installation on 27th, 28th & 29th Street between Robinsdale Avenue and Diagonal Road.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be AMENDED with a 3-year pause in sidewalk installation with city staff meeting with neighbors to seek alternatives. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Goggin, Janssen, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Mindel, Trost

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Mindel, that the Resolution be AMENDED for the pause to be one year instead of three. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 4 - Dickinson, Goggin, Woodard, Happel

Abstain: 1 - Kahlow

2024-04-011

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

No: 8 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

[24-0409](#)

Resolution allocating funds to update Chapter 115-Zoning of the Municipal Code.

2024-04-012

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

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

No: 1 - Goggin

Abstain: 1 - Woodard

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**24-0482**

A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of approximately \$5,805,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding said revenue bonds to the best bidder, and providing for the payment of said revenue bonds and other details and covenants with respect thereto.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be AMENDED as proposed, based on bids received. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

2024-04-013

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

24-0372

Resolution approving Application of Goehner Investments LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 5212 Mormon Coulee Rd allowing for a rooming house.

2024-04-014

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

24-0373

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Multiple Dwelling District allowing residential rental units at 5212 Mormon Coulee Rd.

Ord. 5285. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[24-0400](#)

Resolution approving the carryover of unexpended appropriations from the 2023 Operating Budget to the 2024 Operating Budget and 2023 year-end budget adjustments for department cost overruns.

2024-04-015

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0349](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend secs. 40-175, 115-90, 115-342(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding property owner notifications.

Ord. 5286. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-0350](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 10, Article V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the licensing of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic vaping devices.

Ord. 5287. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-0386](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - General & Specific allowing for a single multi-family building at 415 12th Street N., 1117,1119, 1125, 1129, 1131, & 1135 Pine Street.

Ord. 5288. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-0399](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 2-585(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding membership of the Board of Review.

Ord. 5289. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-0408](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 40-15 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse regarding adoption by reference of the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

Ord. 5290. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

- [24-0269](#) Resolution approving Request of Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #819 to Amend Premise Description at 921 Losey Blvd. S. to allow for store remodel.
2024-04-016
- [24-0311](#) Resolution establishing the 2025-2029 Capital Equipment Budget.
2024-04-017
- [24-0315](#) Resolution approving Application of The Charmant Hotel LLC dba The Charmant Hotel for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at the 100 Block of State Street on Friday, August 16, 2024.
2024-04-018
- [24-0317](#) Resolution approving the five-year Lease Agreement extension between the City of La Crosse and City Brewing Company, LLC for parking spaces near Marco Drive.
2024-04-019
- [24-0318](#) Resolution approving the five-year Lease Agreement extension between the City of La Crosse and City Brewing Company, LLC for parking spaces near Joseph Houska Drive and Hood St.
2024-04-020
- [24-0351](#) 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 (April).
2024-04-021
- [24-0391](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Located in parts of the NE-NW and SE-NW of Section 19, T15N, R7W, Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (Breidel Coulee Rd).
2024-04-022
- [24-0419](#) Resolution approving Plat of River Point District II to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
2024-04-023
- [24-0434](#) Resolution electing to self-insure for worker's compensation liability in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Section 80.60(3).
2024-04-024

[24-0442](#)

Resolution reallocating unused capital funds from 2022 and 2023 to 2024 traffic calming and sidewalk projects.

2024-04-025

[24-0460](#)

Resolution approving a Lateral Transfer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.

2024-04-026

[24-0483](#)

Resolution approving and ratifying a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #519 for 2023-2025.

2024-04-027

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.