



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, January 13, 2022

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th St S

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Mark Clements from Living Word Christian Church provided invocation. He also presented a monetary gift to the City from the congregation.

Mayor's State of the City Address

Mayor Reynolds spoke on the strengths of the City and the outlook for 2022 and beyond.

Annual Code of Ethics Certification

Mayor Reynolds confirmed the annual review of the Code of Ethics.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE the minutes of December 9, 2021; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds thanked Valerie Fenske for her time as Finance Director and complemented her on the guidance given and the improvements she implemented during her time in that position.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0063](#)

Resolution approving 2021/2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in January 2022.

2022-01-001

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-0052](#)

Citizens Board of Review: Mike Brown. Economic Development Commission: David Morrison. La Crosse Center Board: Randy Erickson. MTU Board: Adrienne Salvia. Redevelopment Authority: Gus Fimple.

2022-01-002

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0004](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Badger Environmental & Earthworks, Inc. for the Fire Station #2 Project .01 in the amount of \$321,849.80.

2022-01-003

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0005](#)

Report of bids & Resolution awarding contract to Market & Johnson, Inc. for the La Crosse Fire Station #2 Project .02 in the amount of \$3,550,100.00.

2022-01-004

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0006](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fireline Sprinkler, LLC for the Fire Station #2 Project .03 in the amount of \$97,000.00.

2022-01-005

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0007](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to S & S Mechanical for the Fire Station #2 Project .04 in the amount of \$319,378.00.

2022-01-006

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0008](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Hengel Brothers, Inc. for the Fire Station #2 Project .05 in the amount of \$585,872.00.

2022-01-007

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0009](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to B&B Electric for the Fire Station #2 Project .06 in the amount of \$480,207.00.

2022-01-008

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0050](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Steiger Construction, Inc. for the Airport & Well Fiber Interconnection Project in the amount of \$388,578.00.

2022-01-009

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[21-1732](#)

Resolution allocating the remaining uncommitted funds received from the U. S. Treasury through the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

2022-01-010

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Happel to AMEND AS PROPOSED (revised amendment); motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1709](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend the definition section of Section 30-27 and to amend Section 30-28 and Section 30-30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding chronic nuisance premises.

Ord. 5207. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Neumeister to REFER; the motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Neumeister to AMEND by changing MAY back to SHALL in sections 30.28 (a) and (b); the motion carried on a vote of 9 -4 (Woodard, Kahlow, Trost, Sleznikow).

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 3 - Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard

[21-1718](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Section 6 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse regarding cats.

Ord. 5208. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Mindel to REFER; the motion failed on a vote of 5-8 (Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Schwarz, Trost, Woodard, Happel).

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond to OPEN public hearing; the motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke IN FAVOR:Heather Drievold

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond to CLOSE public hearing; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Woodward, seconded by Kahlow to AMEND AS PROPOSED; motion carried.

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Neumeister

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1689](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the conversion of first floor retail/commercial area to four residential units at 703 Farnam St.

Referred 30 days to February 2022 meetings.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 30 days to the February 2022 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver to ADOPT remainder of Consent Agenda; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [21-1651](#) Resolution approving software license agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) for GIS enterprise software for the Utilities infrastructure.
2022-01-011
- [21-1690](#) Resolution approving Application of Latino Bar LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 115 5th Ave. S. allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2022-01-012
- [21-1701](#) Resolution approving lease renewal with Milestone Materials.
2022-01-013
- [21-1713](#) Resolution approving three-month extension of the Animal Control Agreement.
2022-01-014
- [21-1726](#) Resolution authorizing reclassification of various positions within the departments of Information Technology, Parking Utility, Planning and Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Building & Grounds.
2022-01-015
- [21-1727](#) Resolution approving adjusted wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees effective January 1, 2022.
2022-01-016
- [21-1728](#) Resolution approving hiring wage for Director of Finance position above step 6.
2022-01-017
- [21-1729](#) Resolution allocating additional funds to extend fiber to City Hall.
2022-01-018

[21-1730](#) Resolution approving a service agreement between the La Crosse Regional Airport and Midwest Air Traffic Control.

2022-01-019

[21-1735](#) Resolution approving Electrical Overhead Distribution Easement.

2022-01-020

[22-0002](#) Resolution granting Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2021-2022 (January).

2022-01-021

[22-0013](#) Resolution in support of Transit Equity Day on February 4, 2022.

2022-01-022

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-1259](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at Nakomis Avenue (parcel #17-10675-165) as surplus property.

Referred 60 days to March 2022 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.