



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Rebecca Schwarz

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Monsignor Richard Gilles, St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow, to **APPROVE** minutes of March 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[23-0389](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of February 2023.

2023-04-001

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Schwarz

[23-0392](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report

2023-04-002

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

Yes: 12 - Reynolds, Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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Council Member Recognition

Mayor Reynolds acknowledged Council Members Richmond and Neumeister for their service. A video was shown of others thanking Richmond and Neumeister for their service and wished them well in the future. Both Council Members were presented keys to the City by the Mayor. Council Member Richmond and Neumeister shared their thoughts on their time serving on the Council and thanked their constituents and staff for their hard work over and commitment over the years.

Notices and Discussions

CM Hameister thanked Richmond and Neumeister and acknowledge those who have lost their lives due to gun violence in 2023. Mayor Reynolds recognized the staff members who have attended some of the recent State budget public hearings in attempts to change the model of state revenue allocation so there is a more sustainable model for municipalities across the state - Schott and Lorenz were in Eau Claire on Tuesday, and Reynolds in Dells on Wednesday. Mayor Reynolds mentioned hosting Senator Baldwin who visited the Community Resource Unit and he also recognized the police department and honored the police officers who lost their lives in Barron County.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS[23-0390](#)

Resolution approving 2022/2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in April 2023.

2023-04-003

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**(2/3 Vote Required)**[23-0411](#)

Aviation Board: Rick Cornforth. Board of Park Commissioners: Sandy Cleary, Patrick Wilson. Board of Zoning Appeals: William Raven, Ryan Haug. City Plan Commission: James Szymalak. Heritage Preservation Commission: Eric Garland. Human Rights Commission: Gretchen Guinn Paquette. Library Board: Susan Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Erin Raymus.

2023-04-004

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

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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[23-0349](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$784,741.12 for the 2023 Curb & Gutter with Utilities (North) project.

2023-04-005

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

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

[23-0351](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Market & Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$6,322,569.00 for the La Crosse Fire Station No.4 project.

2023-04-006

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

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

[23-0352](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$138,455.50 for 2023 Miscellaneous Curb and Gutter and Pavement Repair and Replacement project.

2023-04-007

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

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

[23-0353](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$48,145.00 for the 2023 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Infill project.

2023-04-008

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

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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[23-0350](#)

Report of Bids for the 2023 Carroll Park Improvements Project Re-Bid.

2023-04-009

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

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

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[23-0346](#)

Resolution approving Request for waiver of the City requirement for a subdivision plat and allowance of the substitution of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) in its place at 3102 Chestnut Place.

2023-04-010

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

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

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[23-0299](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Traditional Neighborhood District-General allowing for a 12-unit multi-family residential building at 213 Rose Street.

2023-04-011

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard, that the Ordinance be NOT ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel

No: 5 - Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Trost, Neumann

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0244](#)

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 to the Residence District allowing for the existing dwelling to be used as a duplex at 3019 Ward Avenue.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Happel to ADOPT.

Referred 30 days to the May 2023 meetings.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Woodard, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 30 DAYS. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann, Richmond

No: 2 - Kahlow, Mindel

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0258](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential Neighborhood District to the Residence District allowing for the construction of twin homes at 1106-1108 King Street.

Ord. 5247. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

- [23-0292](#) 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 an addition to a duplex at 2529-2531 13th Place S.
Ord. 5248. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [23-0193](#) Resolution establishing the 2024-2028 Capital Equipment Budget.
2023-04-012
- [23-0251](#) Resolution Reclassifying positions within the Planning, Development and Assessment Department.
2023-04-013
- [23-0260](#) Resolution authorizing additional Assistant Supervisor - Food and Beverage at the La Crosse Center.
2023-04-014
- [23-0263](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a maintenance agreement between Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of La Crosse.
2023-04-015
- [23-0300](#) Resolution approving Application of A&S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 500 Copeland Avenue on June 10, 2023.
2023-04-016
- [23-0301](#) Resolution approving Request of Hatchery, LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 410 E Veterans Memorial Drive.
2023-04-017
- [23-0302](#) Resolution authorizing second amendment to \$6,660,000 City of La Crosse, Wisconsin Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (DuraTech Industries, Inc. Project) issued on April 7, 2017.
2023-04-018
- [23-0303](#) Resolution approving the carryover of unexpended appropriations from the 2022 Operating Budget to the 2023 Operating Budget and 2022 year end budget adjustments for department cost overruns.
2023-04-019

- [23-0304](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Police Department to continue participation in the Wisconsin Emergency Management Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program.
2023-04-020
- [23-0309](#) Resolution creating Ward 29.
2023-04-021
- [23-0311](#) Resolution Approving Request of Householder Taverns LLC dba Bennett O'Riley's South La Crosse to amend premise description of Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License at 4329 Mormon Coulee Road to include a new beer garden.
2023-04-022
- [23-0317](#) 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 2022-2023 (April).
2023-04-023
- [23-0320](#) Resolution appropriating Utility Funds to advance order a Water Utility dump truck.
2023-04-024
- [23-0336](#) Resolution expanding the scope of a capital project for airport obstructions.
2023-04-025
- [23-0340](#) Resolution transferring a vehicle from the Police Department to Community Risk Management.
2023-04-026

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.