



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, January 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
City Hall, First Floor

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Draft until approved by Council on February 13, 2025.

#### Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Pastor Jacob Eichers, Faith Lutheran Church*

#### Mayor's State of the City Address

*Mayor Reynolds reflected on the progress, challenges, and vision for the future of La Crosse. Reynolds also highlighted the efforts of City staff members over the year: Joe Miller, Sonja Weber, Brad Alexander, Caleb Wodarz, Brian Sampson, Jason Melby, Leah Miller, Samantha Meyer, and Kristen Schadeberg.*

*The Mayor's full State of the City can be found here:*

*<https://www.cityoflacrosse.org/home/showpublisheddocument/9009/638721824511630000>*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Dickinson, to APPROVE the minutes of December 12, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### Reports

[25-0018](#)

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

2025-01-001

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## Notices and Discussions

*Mayor Reynolds introduced Megan Nicholson, the Wisconsin State Director for the Humane Society of the United States, who presented Council Member Woodard with their 2024 Humane Council Award. Council Member Trost acknowledged work of the Planning, Development, and Assessment department and thanked them for a successful 2024. Council Member Woodard noted that January 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and expressed his thanks to the department for the work they do.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-0017](#)

Resolution approving 2024/2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in January 2025.

2025-01-002

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[25-0006](#)

Aviation Board: Mark Haakenson. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Nate Hundt.

2025-01-003

**A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1621](#)

Resolution requesting state and federal assistance to address the humanitarian crisis of homelessness and its impact on local communities.

2025-01-004

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[24-1536](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal, recreate, and amend various sections of Chapter 115 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to Conditional Use Permits.

*ORD. 5322. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[24-1541](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend sec. 4-72, to repeal sec. 4-74(4), and to amend sec. 4-142 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding alcohol beverage application requirements.

*ORD. 5323. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[24-1567](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Special Multiple Dwelling District, allowing for low-density residential housing at 818 Vine Street.

*ORD. 5324. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[24-1587](#)

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 (with restrictive use) to the Special Multiple Dwelling District, requesting an amendment to a pre-existing restrictive covenant to allow for a mix of studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom market rate apartments at 1707 Main Street.

*ORD. 5325. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[24-1562](#)

Amended Resolution amending Council Rule II(6) regarding public information presentations.

2025-01-005

- [24-1564](#) Resolution establishing absentee voting locations for the 2025 elections.  
2025-01-006
- [24-1565](#) Resolution creating voting Wards 29, 30, 31.  
2025-01-007
- [24-1573](#) Resolution Approving Development Agreement and Sale Agreement with Glenside Park LLC (formerly Willow Grove LLC) for property at 1307 16th St S.  
2025-01-008
- [24-1590](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Block 4 of St. Paul's First Addition to the City of La Crosse and Parts of the NE-NW and NW-NW of Section 20, T16N, R7W, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for approval of an easement for existing sewer utility line currently within the City-owned property.  
2025-01-009
- [24-1595](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Human Resources department.  
2025-01-010
- [24-1600](#) Resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement and amended Standard Terms and Conditions with Archeological Research Laboratory Center, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to prepare National Register of Historic Places nominations.  
2025-01-011
- [24-1619](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to apply to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Vibrant Spaces Grant for the Caledonia Park Place project and provide \$75,000 of TID 16 available cash to support the project.  
2025-01-012
- [25-0002](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (January).  
2025-01-013

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED*

[24-1592](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Residence District to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General, allowing for the construction of townhomes at 6103 River Run Road.

2025-01-014

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.*