



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on July 9, 2026.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 11 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Excused: 2 - Olivia Stine, Mackenzie Mindel

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Northwood, to **APPROVE** the minutes of May 14, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[26-0607](#)

2025 La Crosse Fire Department Annual Report.

2026-06-003

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0625](#)

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

2026-06-004

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Washington-Spivey noted that he was able to attend the one-year celebration of the Angel House, which is a drug recovery home for women. He also noted that he was able to attend the Wisconsin State Bar Association which is holding their annual conference in La Crosse. Airport Director Lauren Koss was presented her certificate for becoming an Accredited Airport Executive. Council Member Goggin congratulated Thomas Schran on their 10-year anniversary in Parking Utility, and noted the birthdays for Police Department canines Zeus and Hank. She also thanked the front-facing staff that work in the lobby of City Hall, and thanked the La Crosse Center staff for all of their work related to the State Bar event. Council Member Kahlow noted that there is a new market happening on Sundays in Cameron Park, and thanked DMI and all those who helped make it happen. Council Member Weston noted that the City has many farmers markets and thanked all of the vendors that supply their homegrown and handmade goods. She also acknowledged the work of all of the staff and local businesses related the State Track meet that was held over the past weekend. She also noted a new podcast regarding local government. Council President Dickinson noted the District 1 forum and thanked those that promoted and participated in the event. She also noted that June 29 is the next budget-related meeting, May 28 was the La Crosse Confluence event for Renew the Block, thanked Cullen Haldeman and Jackson Overby from the Engineering Department. Council Member Newberry noted that two WEDA grants for affordable housing units were awarded for locations in La Crosse, the District 9 forum is on June 13, and echoed the thanks regarding the State Track meet in addition to the College Division 3 track meet that was also held on the UW-L campus. Council Member Northwood noted that the District 13 forum is on June 12, and invited all to the Juneteenth celebration on June 20. Council Member Janssen noted and gave thanks to the many businesses involved in continuing to make sure the State Track meet is held in La Crosse. Mayor Washington-Spivey noted that June is also Pride month.

ITEMS (OUTSIDE OF CONSENT AGENDA) FOR CLOSED SESSION**26-0537**

Appeal by School District of La Crosse of the Heritage Preservation Commission designation of historical structure for the building located at 2001 & 2101 Campbell Road. *(Note: The Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel and Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2026-06-005

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Bedford, to move 26-0537 up from the end of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Northwood, to open public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Mark Zettler, Barbara Kooiman, Trevor Sprague, Samuel Lindner, Joe Ledvina, Chau Nguyen.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Dickinson, to close public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Northwood, to REFER for nine months. The motion failed 3 - 8.

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

Yes: 7 - Dickinson, Goggin, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 4 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS**26-0624**

Resolution approving 2026 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in June 2026.

2026-06-006

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Padesky, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried 10-0 (with one abstention).

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[26-0627](#)

Arts and Culture Board: Kelly Leibold. Board of Park Commissioners: Tracy Littlejohn. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Christina Pohlman. Ethics Board: Grant Mathu, Owen Hellwig. Heritage Preservation Commission: Laura Godden. Human Rights Commission: Marissa Sutherland. Municipal Transit Utility Board: Lia Manock. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Sean Hurtubise, Ralph Geary. Redevelopment Authority: Brian Fukuda.

2026-06-007

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0325](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to August Winter & Sons, Inc in the amount of \$2,172,389.00 for the Hagar St Lift Station Improvements project.

2026-06-008

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[26-0555](#)

Resolution declaring certain property at 1552 Kane St (parcel #17-10113-110) as surplus property.

2026-06-009

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

Yes: 8 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Padesky

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE DIVIDED

[26-0432](#)

Amended Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2026-2027.

2026-06-010

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson to AMEND (changes to premise description for two licensees). The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0608](#)

Application of Chabolla Corp. dba Tequila's Mexican Restaurant, 515 West Ave. S. for a Beer Garden License for license year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

2026-06-011

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

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Sleznikow

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

Non-Voting: 1 - Bedford

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0535](#)

Resolution Amending the Capital Improvement Project Budget to Add Forest Hills Storage Facility.

2026-06-012

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

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston

No: 1 - Northwood

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0538](#)

Resolution appropriating Tax Incremental District (TID) 11 funds to the Washburn Neighborhood Boulevard Improvements and Community Garden Development.

2026-06-013

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

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Sleznikow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 2 - Janssen, Kahlow

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0544](#)

Resolution allocating Sanitary Sewer Utility funds for the New Hagar Sanitary Lift Station project bid in May 2026.

2026-06-014

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0559](#)

Resolution reallocating remaining 2022 Capital Improvement Budget funds for Station #1 window replacement.

2026-06-015

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0564](#)

Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 900 block of East Avenue South.

2026-06-016

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0565](#)

Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 700 block of 19th Street South.

2026-06-017

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0566](#)

Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 1700 block of Market Street.

2026-06-018

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0567](#)

Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 3300-3500 blocks of Levy Lane.

2026-06-019

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[26-0543](#)

Amended Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of up to \$3,701,873 aggregate principal amount of Water System Revenue Bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose improving the waterworks system of the City, providing details and covenants with respect thereto, prescribing the form of bond, providing for the payment of said bonds, and authorizing the execution by the City of Financial Assistance Agreements from the State of Wisconsin's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program in connection therewith.

2026-06-020

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Kahlow, to AMEND (as proposed). The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

[26-0570](#)

Amended Resolution to replace existing public refuse and recycling bins in the Historic Downtown and Old Towne North area.

2026-06-021

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Dickinson, to AMEND (change the amount from \$8,000 to \$10,000). The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Excused: 2 - Stine, Mindel

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Northwood to ADOPT the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

[26-0133](#)

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 Special Residence District, allowing for three rental units (one duplex and a single-family unit) at 1402 & 1410 Gillette Street and 1552 Loomis Street.

ORD. 5372. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

- [26-0512](#) 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 District to the Special Multiple Dwelling District, allowing an additional unit to be added to the building at 802 7th Street S.
ORD. 5373. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0514](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Heavy Industrial District to the Planned Development District - Specific, allowing for the construction of a retail and commercial building at 9 Copeland Ave.
ORD. 5374. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0515](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - Specific, allowing for the construction of a mixed-use development including residential and commercial uses at 2415 State Road.
ORD. 5375. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0542](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 46-82(d)(2)a, to create 46-82(e) and to renumber remaining sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees.
ORD. 5376. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0550](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sections 10-868(o) and (p) and 10-869(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the operation of pedicabs.
ORD. 5377. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0431](#) 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 (June).
2026-06-022
- [26-0481](#) Amended Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding sign permits under Subsections 111-36 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.
2026-06-023
- [26-0485](#) Resolution approving contract with the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper for the City's council proceedings and legal notices.
2026-06-024

[26-0495](#) Resolution approving 2025 Compliance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Isle La Plume Wastewater Treatment Facility.

2026-06-025

[26-0540](#) Resolution appropriating Utility funds for utility design as part of the WisDOT reconstruction project 5221-09-72, STH 35 (West Ave) from Barlow to Johnson St and 5221-09-74, STH 35 (Lang Dr) from La Crosse St to Monitor St.

2026-06-026

[26-0541](#) Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing under the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for the Water Utility rehabilitation of Grandad Reservoir.

2026-06-027

[26-0589](#) Resolution approving Application of The Odd Fellows Temple LLC dba Ruthie's, 119 4th St. S. Ste 301, for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license for license year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and Notice of Intent to Not Renew.

2026-06-028

[26-0590](#) Resolution approving Application of Riverstone Hospitality LLC dba The Pearl Street Hotel & Suites, 200 Pearl Street, for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license for license year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and Notice of Intent to Not Renew.

2026-06-029

[26-0591](#) Resolution approving Application of The Gas Station LLC dba Fire Flower Hydro, 115 5th Ave. S. Unit B102, for a "Class A" Liquor License and Class "A" Beer License for license year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and Notice of Intent to Not Renew.

2026-06-030

[26-0592](#) Resolution approving Application of Chuck's Bar LLC dba Chuck's Bar, 1101 La Crosse Street, for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor License for license year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and Notice of Intent to Not Renew.

2026-06-031

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.