



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, July 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Council Member Neumann arrived at 6:01 p.m.

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

Invocation

Pastor Jacob Eichers, Faith Lutheran Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to APPROVE minutes of June 8, 2023; motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[23-0774](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report

2023-07-001

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Woodard

[23-0792](#)

2022 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report

2023-07-002

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Woodard

[23-0793](#)

La Crosse Police Department 5-year Strategic Plan

2023-07-003

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Neumann

[23-0799](#)

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

2023-07-004

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds noted the open house for new Fire Station #2 which is the first new fire station in the City of La Crosse since 1967. He also noted that the City had been selected to receive an IT Sustainability award from the Global Electronics Council. Lastly, Reynolds encouraged everyone to take a look at the two reports submitted by the Police Department and acknowledged the passing of Canine Officer Thor.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0798](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in July 2023.

2023-07-005

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, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-0794](#)

Arts Board: Sana Illahe, Eva Black. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Robbie Young, Jeff Fennie, Grace Janssen. Board of Zoning Appeals: James Szymalak. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Andrew Ericson, Ronald Cosby. Housing Authority: Shawn Bacon, Jared Zwettler. La Crosse Center Board: Douglas Farmer. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Jessica Stanton.

2023-07-006

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Mindel, that the Appointments 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 Council Rule XV for items 23-0759, 23-0760, 23-0761. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[23-0656](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$253,157.55 for the 21st Street - Market St to Winnebago St project.

2023-07-007

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Trost

[23-0712](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$260,462.21 for the Traffic Calming 7th & Adams Intersection, 29th St project.

2023-07-008

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

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

[23-0713](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$102,312.00 for the Sidewalk Infill North Side of Cass St. project.

2023-07-009

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

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

[23-0714](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$356,604.92 for the 2023 City Signal Replacement, Losey Blvd & Cass St. project.

2023-07-010

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Mindel

[23-0752](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer Inc. in the amount of \$303,000.00 for the bid for the Pump House Regional Arts Center Toilet Addition & Renovation Project.

2023-07-011

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

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

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[23-0673](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 32-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding camping on City-owned property.

Ord. 5253. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kiel to ADOPT (Schwarz/Neumann Amendment from 7.5.2023).

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Goggin, that the Ordinance be AMENDED AS PROPOSED (the 7.5.2023 version as Amended by Kahlow/Janssen). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Woodard, Schwarz

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

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

No: 2 - Dickinson, Woodard

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0760](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$12,050,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters.

2023-07-012

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Mindel

[23-0761](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,670,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of note, awarding the notes to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters.

2023-07-013

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. 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 Mindel, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0679](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 2-636(a) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of La Crosse increasing membership of the International Committee.

Ord. 5254. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-0697](#)

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 Multiple Dwelling District allowing for construction of a new tri-plex at 1003 Caledonia St.

Ord. 5255. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

- [23-0462](#) Amended Resolution authorizing a partial vacation of Campbell Road between 24th Street and La Crosse Street.
2023-07-014
- [23-0466](#) Resolution approving, and appropriating funds for, replacement of self-priming, submersible pumps at the Valley Brook Sanitary Lift Station.
2023-07-015
- [23-0491](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to enter a Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for the preparation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update.
2023-07-016
- [23-0577](#) Resolution approving funds from the American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) for the replacement of the roof and HVAC system on the Southside Neighborhood Center.
2023-07-017
- [23-0665](#) Resolution approving Application of Paragon Square LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 412 Main Street allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License.
2023-07-018
- [23-0683](#) 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 2023-2024 (July).
2023-07-019
- [23-0685](#) Amended Resolution approving an Amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Incremental District No. 10, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.
2023-07-020
- [23-0686](#) Resolution approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 17, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.
2023-07-021
- [23-0687](#) Resolution approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 18, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.
2023-07-022

- [23-0688](#) Resolution Creating Tax Incremental District No. 21, Approving Its Project Plan and Establishing Its Boundaries, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.
2023-07-023
- [23-0690](#) Amended Resolution approving an appropriation of the City's ARPA monies earmarked for childcare to go towards a second-year contract with The Parenting Place.
2023-07-024
- [23-0691](#) Resolution authorizing the addition of two (2) positions within the Street Department.
2023-07-025
- [23-0759](#) Resolution approving the remodel of the bathrooms at the Pumphouse Regional Arts Center.
2023-07-026

ITEM FOR POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

- [23-0767](#) Appeal by School District of La Crosse of the Heritage Preservation Commission designation of historical structure for the building located at 510 9th St. S.
(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.)
2023-07-027

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Kahlow to OPEN public hearing; motion carried by unanimous consent.

Annie Baumann, Joe Ledvina, Patty Sprang, Barbara Kooiman, David Riel, Laura Godden, and Jeff Jackson spoke.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow, that the Claim/Appeal be DENIED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32 p.m.