



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, February 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

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

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Phil Waselik of Trinity Lutheran Church offered an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Padesky, to APPROVE the Minutes of the January 1, 2021 meeting. The motion carried.

Notices and Discussions

Mayor - Condolences to LeGrand family with recent passing of Roger LeGrand.

Janssen - La Crosse Heritage Center has opened up in new location on Main Street downtown.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-0172](#)

Resolution approving 2020/2021 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in February 2021.

2021-02-001

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, to Suspend CR VIII on Items 21-0075, 21-0038, 21-0103, 21-0137. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0013](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Strupp Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$26,990.00 for the Bliss Road Alpine Inn Culvert Replacement.

2021-02-002

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0014](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$57,279.25 for the Moorings Drive Storm & Rip Rap project.

2021-02-003

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0015](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to T2 Contracting LLC in the amount of \$59,083.64 for the Gillette Street Sidewalk Replacement (Rose Street & George Street).

2021-02-004

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0041](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$32,570.36 for the Green Island Tennis Courts Lights Installation.

2021-02-005

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0042](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to T2 Contracting LLC in the amount of \$90,679.28 for the Citywide Miscellaneous Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement project.

2021-02-006

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0049](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Strupp Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$223,681.00 for the Pettibone Drive South Reconstruction project.

2021-02-007

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-0170](#)

EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Jim Hillcoat, Jeff Murphy. Ethics Board: Jodi Widuch, Taylor Haley. Heritage Preservation Commission: Jennifer Morris.

2021-02-008

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0178](#)

Resolution authorizing the City to retain Crueger & Dickinson, LLC and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC.

Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters and to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.

2021-02-009

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0075](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding alcohol license fees under Chapter 4 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.

2021-02-010

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to AMEND reducing fees by 50%. The motion failed on a vote of 1-11 (Ostrem voted yes).

The motion to ADOPT carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Gaul, to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0038](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Stormwater Erosion Control.

Ord. 5167. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-0080](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family Dwelling District to the Public/Semi-Public District allowing new fire station at 1533 Charles Street.

Ord. 5168. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[20-1781](#)

Resolution repealing a Conditional Use Permit that allowed demolition of structure for green space at 444 Losey Court Lane.

2021-02-011

[21-0070](#)

Resolution adopting the La Crosse County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2020-2024.

2021-02-012

[21-0071](#)

Resolution extending the life of Tax Incremental District (TID) #6 for one year for affordable housing and market rate housing programs.

2021-02-013

[21-0072](#)

Resolution Terminating Tax Incremental District #6.

2021-02-014

[21-0076](#)

Resolution approving Application of City of La Crosse Fire Department for a Conditional Use Permit at 1533 Charles Street allowing demolition of property for green space until redeveloped for fire station.

2021-02-015

[21-0086](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing Letter of Intent to purchase lot at 3100 Berlin Drive in International Business Park with Weiss Commercial Real Estate LLC.

2021-02-016

- [21-0089](#) Resolution authorizing 2021 Action Plan and funding allocation in connection with CDBG and HOME programs.
2021-02-017
- [21-0103](#) Resolution approving and ratifying a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127 for the term of 2022 through 2024.
2021-02-018
- [21-0110](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (February).
2021-02-019
- [21-0137](#) Amended Resolution Allocating Funding for the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project.
2021-02-020

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE DENIED (WITHDRAWN)

- [20-1706](#) Application of Jeff Fennie for a Conditional Use Permit at 921 West Ave. S. allowing demolition of structure for parking lot.
Withdrawn by applicant 1.28.2021
2021-02-021
- [21-0081](#) Application of PM2 LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 2615 East Ave. S. allowing outside storage buildings.
Withdrawn by applicant 1.27.2021
2021-02-022

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

- [20-1511](#) Amended Resolution approving historical pedestrian street lighting standards in the 10th and Cass National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) District.
Referred to the March 2021 meetings.

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[20-1785](#)

Report of Fire and EMS Service Sharing Opportunities Study.

2021-02-023

Adjournment

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Christians, to ADJOURN at 6:39 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.