



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on 4/10/2025.

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 Kael Clemmerson, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the minutes of February 13 regular, and February 13 and 20 special meetings be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[25-0298](#)

2024 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report

2025-03-001

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Goggin, 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

[25-0306](#)

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

2025-03-002

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow, 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

Council Member Goggin thanked the police department, first responders, and County sheriff's department for their outstanding response related to the shooting that happened on her block recently. Goggin also noted the grand opening of the new Kwik Trip on West George Street where Kwik Trip awarded money to Trinity Lutheran Church and the La Crosse Police and Fire Departments. Mayor Reynolds noted he was host to the Wisconsin Wetlands Association Conference last month; he gave thanks to Ducks Unlimited for their ongoing collaboration with La Crosse and now thirteen other cities along the Mississippi River. Reynolds opened the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Tourism this week and thanked Explore La Crosse for hosting the event that showcased our extraordinary community and the La Crosse Center. Mayor Reynolds also noted that he traveled to Washington DC to represent the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, where the organization secured commitments from lawmakers to support policies endorsed by the Initiative. Reynolds was able to be a part of the final walk-through of Harter's materials recovery facility with the City's Recycling Coordinator, Nick Smaby, where they learned La Crosse has the highest recovery rate of recyclables among the ten similar facilities in the state. Lastly, Mayor Reynolds noted that in-person absentee voting for the April Election takes place between March 18 and 28 and thanked the City Clerk and staff for their continued efforts in making elections run smoothly.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-0305](#)

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

2025-03-003

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kahlow, 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

[25-0299](#)

Economic and Community Development Committee: Vicki Markussen, Linda Lee. Floodplain Advisory Committee: Bill Bosshard. Building & Housing Appeals Board: Will Kratt.

2025-03-004

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Goggin

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0158](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Americon in the amount of \$3,497,229.00 for the Myrick Water Utility Storage Building project.

2025-03-005

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

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

[25-0161](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$133,849.00 for the Bridge Approach Repair - Lang Drive project.

2025-03-006

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

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

[25-0163](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Americon in the amount of \$500,374.43 for the 2025 Carroll Park Improvements project.

2025-03-007

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

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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[25-0181](#)

Report of Bids for the 2025 Citywide Miscellaneous Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Replacement project.

2025-03-008

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

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

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0244](#)

Resolution allocating utility funding for the replacement of watermain in the 2800 to 3100 blocks of Ward Avenue.

2025-03-009

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Kahlow, 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

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0228](#)

Resolution allocating Capital Improvement Programs funds for River Point District park development and marina.

2025-03-010

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0089](#)

Resolution approving lease with Gary Arneson for the property at 500 Rose Street (parcel #17-10040-40).

2025-03-011

[25-0146](#)

Resolution approving Investment Services Agreements for the period of April

1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

2025-03-012

[25-0151](#)

Resolution designating Downtown Mainstreet, Inc. as the concessionaire for the La Crosse Center along with authorization for "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit.

2025-03-013

[25-0156](#)

Resolution to rescind the declaration of surplus property of 626 Monitor Street (parcel #17-10294-31).

2025-03-014

[25-0165](#)

Resolution approving Application of K & M Chances R LLC dba Chances R for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for a special event at 417 Jay Street on June 7, 2025.

2025-03-015

[25-0166](#)

Resolution approving Application of A & S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for a special event at 500 Copeland Ave on June 14, 2025.

2025-03-016

[25-0167](#)

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 (March).

2025-03-017

[25-0275](#)

Resolution granting license applications of The Rookery LLC and Tokyo Fusion Inc. pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (March).

2025-03-018

[25-0182](#)

Resolution authorizing the sale of Motorola dual-band radios to La Crosse Fire Department mutual aid partners.

2025-03-019

[25-0190](#)

Resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds for River Point District Phase 4.

2025-03-020

[25-0195](#)

Resolution approving the Fire Department Training Facility Usage Agreement with external entities.

2025-03-021

- [25-0197](#) Resolution appropriating Utility funds for purchase of Water Utility and Sewer Utility vehicles from the fleet lease program.
2025-03-022
- [25-0225](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program (Project I.D.s #3700-11-60).
2025-03-023
- [25-0226](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of State Rd from Losey Blvd to East City Limit (Project I.D. #5120-03-04/-74).
2025-03-024
- [25-0227](#) Resolution appropriating additional Utility funds for construction inspection as part of the STP-Urban project on 6th Street, from State St to Cass St and Green Bay Street from 22nd St S to Losey Blvd.
2025-03-025
- [25-0229](#) Resolution authorizing the Engineering and Legal Departments to record quit claim deeds with Oak Grove Cemetery Association to clarify land boundaries.
2025-03-026
- [25-0231](#) Resolution transferring parcels associated with River Point District owned by the Redevelopment Authority to the City of La Crosse.
2025-03-027
- [25-0233](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 33, T16N, R7W, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, WI and request for right-of-way dedication and waiver of platting requirements (Myrick Water Utility Station).
2025-03-028
- [25-0239](#) Resolution approving Settlement Agreement in the case of J.P. Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust and the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin of La Crosse, La Crosse County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-016. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*
2025-03-029
- [25-0240](#) Resolution approving city funding to support the air service Minimum Revenue Guarantee fund development.
2025-03-030

[25-0247](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Finance department.

2025-03-031

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[25-0014](#)

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 and Commercial Districts to the Residence District, allowing for six two-unit structures for condos at 1822 State Road 16 and adjacent parcels at State Road 16.

2025-03-032

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[25-0177](#)

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 Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the construction of a commercial and residential mixed-use building at 413, 417, 423, 425 and 431 West Ave. N. and 1204 Badger St.

Referred to the May 2025 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.