



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on 9/11/2025.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

We recognize that the City of La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho-Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor the ancestral Ho-Chunk Land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous people.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Bedford, that the minutes of July 10, 2025 be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[25-0971](#)

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

2025-08-003

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0974](#)

La Crosse Stormwater Utility Financial Report - 2024.

2025-08-004

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0975](#)

La Crosse Wastewater Utility Financial Report - 2024.

2025-08-005

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Absent: 1 - Mindel

[25-0976](#)

La Crosse Water Utility Financial Report - 2024.

2025-08-006

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0977](#)

La Crosse Water Utility 2024 Annual Report to the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin.

2025-08-007

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Goggin noted the Municipal Transit Utility audit where zero deficiencies were found, and she shared MTU Director Lorentz's thanks to Brent Nolte and Darrin Streeck from Finance, Human Resources Director Rebecca Franzen and their staff, Transit Operations Manager Koterwski, Fleet & Maintenance Manager John Cordes, Deputy MTU Director Jim Krueger for their assistance on the audit. Council Member Weston acknowledged grass roots efforts by La Crosse citizens Jaralee Richter, Jodi Vandenberg Daves, Maryann Baldwin, where they helped raised money at an event for the Coulee Immigration Task Force and the Hmong Cultural & Community Agency. Council Member Trost thanked Mayor Washington-Spivey and Parks Director Jay Odegaard for the invitation to share in their meeting with unsheltered folks at city parks to hear experiences from those experiencing homelessness. Council Member Bedford thanked Mayor Washington-Spivey and Council Member Kahlow for attending the Committee for Citizens with Disabilities meeting and encouraged the community to attend their open meetings. Mayor acknowledged the Police and Fire departments and community members for their care and assistance in the search for Eliotte Heinz and specifically acknowledged Officer Jovanna Nedland by reading an email he received from a volunteer from the search group.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-0970](#)

Resolution approving 2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in August 2025.

2025-08-008

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[25-0973](#)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Robbie Young. Board of Zoning Appeals: Anastasia Gentry, Andrew Sherman. Human Rights Commission: Kim Cable. International Committee: Jerry Burns. La Crosse Center Board: Emily Guerrero, Royce Nash II. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Lisa Walker, Sean Hurtubise.

2025-08-009

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Slezniow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

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

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Kahlow, to suspend CR XV for 25-0925. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

25-0569

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$549,864.17 for the 31st Place - Green Bay St to Farnam St project.

2025-08-010

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

25-0760

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Winona Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$638,000 for the La Crosse Public Library HVAC Upgrade project.

2025-08-011

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION**25-0637**

Resolution approving the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget.

2025-08-012

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED .

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, to AMENDED CIP #1024 to change funding sources (as proposed on Legistar). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Goggin

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, to AMEND CIP #825 to move from 2026 to 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost

No: 5 - Dickinson, Mindel, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, to AMEND CIP #1008 to move from 2026 to unfunded. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, to AMEND CIP #832 to move from 2028 to 2027 with TID 11 funding.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Bedford, to AMEND the prior motion to move CIP # 832 to 2026 with TID funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Dickinson

The vote to AMEND AS AMENDED (CIP #832 move to 2026 with TID 17 funding) carried by the following:

Yes: 11 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston

No: 2 - Dickinson, Northwood

[25-0637](#)

Resolution approving the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to AMEND CIP #831 to move from unfunded to 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford

No: 3 - Dickinson, Weston, Northwood

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Newberry, to AMEND CIP #853 to move from 2026 to 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Dickinson

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, to AMEND to add placement of accessible bubblers to the CIP with funding from TID 11 in 2026.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Bedford, to CALL THE QUESTION. The motion carried on a vote of 12 -1 (No: Mindel).

The motion to add placement of accessible bubblers carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Bedford

No: 6 - Dickinson, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Weston, Northwood

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Weston, to AMEND CIP #548 to move from 2027 to 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 3 - Dickinson, Mindel, Newberry

Non-Voting: 1 - Trost

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Bedford, to AMEND CIP #980 to move from 2027 to 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Bedford, Northwood

No: 4 - Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Weston

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0814](#)

Resolution to delay removal of historic water drinking fountains (aka “bubblers”).

2025-08-013

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

Yes: 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky

No: 8 - Dickinson, Stine, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0822](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Sec. 32-165 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding hemp-derived cannabinoids.

ORD. 5345. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Padesky

[25-0815](#)

Resolution to install operating drinking fountains at various locations in the City of La Crosse.

2025-08-014

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0621](#)

Resolution reallocating funds from the Airport Operating Budget to design the Terminal Emergency Generator Replacement project.

2025-08-015

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0622](#)

Resolution reallocating funds from the Airport Operating Budget to complete final design of the Terminal South Parking Lot Rehabilitation project.

2025-08-016

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0686](#)

Resolution to appropriate funding to design Airport Storm Drainage Improvements.

2025-08-017

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0808](#)

Resolution allocating TID 16 funding for additional design, review, and real estate interests for the Avon Street Greenway (CIP 2025 #944).

2025-08-018

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[25-0830](#)

Resolution approving suspension of Council Rule II(5) in order to reschedule the September 2025 Council Planning Meeting.

2025-08-019

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**25-0831**

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 (August).

2025-08-020

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be AMENDED as proposed (update to address for Meraki Design Co LLC). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson, to ADOPT the CONSENT AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**25-0413**

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 14 single-family homes at 5917 River Run Road.

ORD. 5346. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0573

Resolution approving an updated agreement between the City of La Crosse and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin dba Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

2025-08-021

25-0574

Resolution approving an agreement between the City of La Crosse and RxValet to administer an alternative sourcing program under the City's medical benefit plan effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

2025-08-022

[25-0714](#) Resolution approving a Service Upgrade Agreement and Security Update Service to maintain the City Public Safety/Public Works radio communication network.

2025-08-023

[25-0744](#) Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

2025-08-024

[25-0824](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the La Crosse Center.

2025-08-025

[25-0825](#) Resolution authorizing the acquisition of land interests for the Hwy 16 New Water Transmission Line project (CIP 2024 #884).

2025-08-026

[25-0832](#) Resolution denying application of Chloe Seelig for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1) (a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2025-08-027

[25-0925](#) Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing under the Clean Water Fund Program and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, for Water and Sanitary Utilities on the South Avenue, Green Bay Street to Ward Avenue project.

2025-08-028

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[25-0673](#) Resolution approving a Maintenance Agreement for the Wagon Wheel Trail and Bridge between the City of La Crosse and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. (WisDOT).

2025-08-029

[25-0717](#) Resolution to appropriate funds to replace the Airport Road monument sign.

2025-08-030

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED[25-0809](#)

Resolution approving mobile home leases for residents at Rivercrest Drive North. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

Referred 30 days to the September 2025 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.