



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, October 13, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
400 La Crosse Street

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

Present: 11 - Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Andrea Richmond

Absent: 1 - Chris Woodard

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Chaplain Lorraine Decker, Immanuel Lutheran Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel to APPROVE minutes of September 8, 2022; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reports

[22-1263](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of August 2022.

2022-10-001

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

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

Excused: 1 - Richmond

Absent: 1 - Woodard

Roll Call

Richmond arrived at 6:06 p.m. during Notices and Discussions.

Present: 12 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Absent: 1 - Chris Woodard

Notices and Discussions

Council President Janssen gave a reminder for the Annual K9 Fundraiser on October 15 at the American Legion Post 52.

Neumeister recognized Art Fahey for his 32 years with the City, with 22 of those years being the La Crosse Center Director and wished him well on his retirement. Neumeister also acknowledged the Police and Streets departments on their hard work through Oktoberfest.

Mayor Reynolds spoke on the citywide property revaluation; the results of which will be received by residents soon and as property values increase, the mill rate will decrease and re-balance the total valuation of the city. Reynolds also thanked Transit Manager Lorentz in regard to working on additional bus service to Eagle Crest Village. Mayor Reynolds also commended Council Member Schwarz and the Engineering Department on their efforts to assist a Green Bay Street resident. Lastly, Mayor Reynolds noted that our Police Department will be presenting at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference, and the department is receiving a grant to add personnel to their Crisis Resource Unit.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-1262](#)

Resolution approving 2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in October 2022.

2022-10-002

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Absent: 1 - Woodard

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-1207](#)

Aviation Board: Ryan Seib. City Plan Commission: Jenasea Hameister. International Committee: Irene Barmore, Todd Bye. La Crosse Center Board: Ryan Black, Municipal Transit Utility Board: Cathy Van Maren, Jenasea Hameister. Redevelopment Authority: Julie Henline.

2022-10-003

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Absent: 1 - Woodard

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Richmond to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 22-0793, 22-1243, 22-1244, 22-1247, 22-1294; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT OF BIDS RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[22-1047](#)

Report of Bids for the Pearl Walkway Improvements.

2022-10-004

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Absent: 1 - Woodard

Roll Call

Woodard arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Present: 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-1011](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$84,926.00 for the Brickyard & Millatti Ln Stormwater Repairs project.

2022-10-005

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Non-Voting: 1 - Woodard

[22-1201](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$329,000.00 for the Historic U.S. Fish Control Lab Building Rehabilitation - Phase 3 project.

2022-10-006

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

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

[22-1248](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Visu-Sewer, Inc. in the amount of \$477,703.00 for the 2022 Sewer Lining Project.

2022-10-007

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

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

ITEM WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[22-1294](#)

Resolution approving lease with Rivercrest Village Partners, LLC.

2022-10-008

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

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[22-1126](#)

Amended Resolution approving Application of Mayo Clinic Health System for a Conditional Use Permit at 630 10th Street S. allowing for demolition of structure for creation of green space and extension of adjacent parking lot.

Referred for 30 days to the November 2022 meetings.

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Richmond, that the Resolution be REFERRED for 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[22-1160](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to the Multiple Dwelling District allowing for the creation of affordable housing units at 811 Monitor St.

Ord. 5232. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Janssen to DENY the recommendation to NOT ADOPT; the motion carried on a vote of 9 - 4 (No - Woodard, Kahlow, Neumeister, Richmond).

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED (contingent on purchase of property). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Richmond, Neumeister, Kahlow, Woodard

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[22-1171](#)

Resolution approving property purchase for affordable housing.
(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.)

2022-10-009

A motion was made by Hameister, seconded by Kahlow to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters; motion carried on roll call vote of 11 - 2 (No - Trost and Happel).

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Hameister to RECONVENE in Open Session; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Happel to call the question, carried unanimously.

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

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel

No: 7 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Woodard, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Kahlow to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-1140](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Residence District to the Public and Semi-Public District allowing for site repairs and improvements at 600 Losey Blvd. N.

Ord. 5233. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-1183](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 6-1, amend Subsection 6-104(2), amend Subsections 6-104(8) and (9), and renumbering existing Subsection 6-104(9) to Subsections 6-104(10) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding pet shops.

Ord. 5234. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

- [22-0793](#) Amended Resolution authorizing parcel exchange and easement with the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse for new Fire Station #2 on La Crosse Street.
2022-10-010
- [22-1076](#) Resolution approving a Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program State/Municipal Grant Agreement to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
2022-10-011
- [22-1154](#) Resolution approving Second Amendment to Duratech Development Agreement and First Amendment to the Chart Development Agreement.
2022-10-012
- [22-1176](#) Resolution authorizing additional funding and to add demolition as an expense related to property acquisition for a street opening and infrastructure improvements for the River Point District property.
2022-10-013
- [22-1178](#) Resolution approving sale of surplus property and allocation of funds related to certain charges on real estate at 717 Wall Street.
2022-10-014
- [22-1184](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of 6th Street South from Cass Street to State Street.
2022-10-015
- [22-1204](#) Amended Resolution approving use of unbudgeted Utility funds for the material costs associated with the Hagar street extension.
2022-10-016
- [22-1206](#) 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 2022-2023 (October).
2022-10-017
- [22-1243](#) Resolution approving Agreement for Communications Cloud Service with Granicus and appropriation of funds.
2022-10-018

[22-1244](#) Resolution authorizing the reallocation of 2022 Capital Equipment and Capital Improvement funds and sale revenue from a current aerial apparatus combined to purchase two fire engines (pumpers).
2022-10-019

[22-1247](#) Resolution to approve additional funds for the 2022 Sewer Lining Project.
2022-10-020

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[22-1049](#) Second Amended Resolution approving the allocation of funding to the City of La Crosse Facilities Assessment.
Referred 30 day to the November meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.