



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Jean Pagliaro, Franciscan Spirituality Center

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond, to APPROVE minutes of January 12, 2023 . The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[23-0154](#)

Preliminary Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of December 2022.

2023-02-001

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

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

Non-Voting: 1 - Hameister

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Neumeister congratulated Logan High School and the Hole family on the dedication of the Logan fieldhouse to Steve Hole. Mayor Reynolds acknowledged current Director of Human Resources, David Buroker, who is retiring; Reynolds expressed his appreciation for Buroker's work. Mayor Reynolds introduced Rebecca Franzen who will be the new director of the department, noting that she is a perfect fit because of her zeal for service to others and to human resources.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0153](#)

Resolution approving 2022/2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in February 2023.

2023-02-002

A motion was made by Richmond, 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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-0150](#)

Board of Zoning Appeals: James Cherf, Douglas Farmer. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Dorothy Lenard, Cathy Van Maren, Casey Meehan, Susanna Hanson. Economic and Community Development Commission: Vicki Markussen, Linda Lee, Gina Miller, Colin Walsh. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Jackie Eastwood. Heritage Preservation Commission: Natalie Heneghan. Room Tax Commission: Wayne Delagrave.

2023-02-003

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

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

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for item 23-0114. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[23-0077](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Market & Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$393,000.00 for the I.T. Department Renovation project.

2023-02-004

A motion was made by Richmond, 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

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION[23-0018](#)

Resolution Denying Application of Gene Wiltgen for a Public Vehicle for Hire Operator 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 Committee, and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

2023-02-005

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, to Convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Neumeister to Reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Trost, that the Appeal be DENIED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 3 - Neumeister, Kahlow, Kiel

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0071](#)

Resolution approving amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions for the Airport Industrial Park with respect to Lot 27 - 2930 Airport Road.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel, that the Resolution be REFERED 30 days to March 2023 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 3 - Janssen, Woodard, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Hameister

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0114](#)

Resolution approving the hire of Rebecca Franzen as Director of Human Resources.

2023-02-006

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-1535](#)

Resolution approving use of existing, unappropriated project funds for additional work on the 2022 Curb & Gutter with Utilities (Cliffside Drive) project.

2023-02-007

[23-0037](#)

Resolution approving Application of Philip Gelatt Sr. for a Conditional Use Permit at 1304 Cass Street allowing for a seven foot, ten inch privacy fence.

2023-02-008

[23-0062](#) Resolution allocating funds for a car rental concession request for proposal.

2023-02-009

[23-0063](#) Resolution allocating funds for Passenger Facility Charge application.

2023-02-010

[23-0074](#) Resolution appropriating Tax Incremental District (TID) 10 funds for the Wagon Wheel Trail.

2023-02-011

[23-0075](#) Amended Resolution approving reorganization to the table of positions and classifications to the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Building and Grounds Department to include additional position; Inclusive Recreation Coordinator.

2023-02-012

[23-0090](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of two 35-foot electric buses and two charging stations and upgrading electrical grid at facility.

2023-02-013

[23-0098](#) Resolution Approving Request of Cappella Weddings & Events, LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 721 King Street for the license year 2022-23.

2023-02-014

[23-0099](#) 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 (February).

2023-02-015

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[23-0069](#) 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 condos, apartments, temporary winter storage for recreational vehicles, and temporary flood evacuation storage at 455 Park Plaza Drive.

Referred to March 2023 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.