



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, April 8, 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

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Neumeister, to **APPROVE** the minutes of March 11, 2021. The motion carried.

Notices and Discussions

Gary Padesky announced his resignation effective 4/8/2021 following the Council meeting.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-0489](#)

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

2021-04-001

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver, 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

[21-0490](#)

Board of Park Commissioners: Tracy Littlejohn. Citizens Board of Review: Fred Giese. EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Mark Amann. Floodplain Advisory Committee: Bill Bosshard. Library Board: Aaron Engel. Solid Waste Advisory Board: Char Wegner. Weed Commissioner: Kelsey Hanson, Matt Diehl, David Reinhart, Jason Riley, Peter Van Havermaet, Eddie Young, Jon Mollendahl, Sarah Rafajko, Craig Snyder, David Foster.

2021-04-002

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Appointment 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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0327](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$114,663.30 for the Rublee Street Reconstruction.

2021-04-003

A motion was made by Christians, 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

[21-0328](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$89,962.03 for the Liberty Street Lighting.

2021-04-004

A motion was made by Richmond, 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

[21-0329](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Pember Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$45,141.00 for the Highway 14-61 RRFB Crossing.

2021-04-005

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Kahlow, 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

[21-0332](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to A-1 Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$558,976.00 for the 2021 Curb & Gutter with Utilities.

2021-04-006

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[21-0333](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$537,915.51 for the 2021 Miscellaneous Sewer Repairs.

2021-04-007

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

[21-0334](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Market & Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$845,268.00 for the City Hall Council Chambers Renovation.

2021-04-008

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[21-0335](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$104,508.75 for the 2021 Miscellaneous. Curb & Gutter & Pavement Replacement.

2021-04-009

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[21-0336](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$73,241.00 for the 2021 Water Utility Sidewalk Replacement.

2021-04-010

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[21-0338](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$48,291.20 for the 2021 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement.

2021-04-011

A motion was made by Kahlow, 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

[21-0339](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$838,871.75. for the 20th & 21st - Madison Street Intersection Reconstruction.

2021-04-012

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Sleznikow, 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

REPORT OF BID RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[21-0330](#)

Report of Bids for the Fish Control Lab Building Rehabilitation-Phase 1 Contract.

2021-04-013

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Kahlow, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. 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 Christians, to SUSPEND CR VIII for Files 21-0384, 21-0444. The motion carried.

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[21-0186](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44-117 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding residential parking zones.

2021-04-014

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Gaul, that the Ordinance be NOT 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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0162](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Commercial District to Multiple Dwelling District allowing development of an apartment building at 432 Division St. & 608 5th Ave. S.

Ord. 5174. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Weaver, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 2 - Sleznikow, Kahlow

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0444](#)

Amended Resolution approving reallocation of CIP funds and adjusted strategy for 2021 fire station construction projects.

2021-04-015

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

Yes: 8 - Sleznikow, Weaver, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 4 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Kahlow

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[21-0337](#)

Resolution approving Application of City of La Crosse Fire Department for a Conditional Use Permit at 906 Gillette Street allowing for demolition of property for green space until redeveloped for fire station.

2021-04-016

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be NOT ADOPTED (WITHDRAWN). 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

[21-0350](#)

Resolution authorizing Special Construction Proposal with CenturyLink/Lumen and allocation of funds.

2021-04-017

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[21-0351](#)

Resolution authorizing Advance Payment Agreement with Xcel Energy and allocation of funds for unplanned CIP project.

2021-04-018

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Weaver, 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

[21-0377](#)

Resolution approving projects in Tax Increment District No. 13 and within its ½ mile boundary to be completed prior to the end of the TID expenditure period and funded through the issuance of a Note Anticipation Note.

2021-04-019

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow, 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

[21-0376](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining the rate of interest and other details in connection with the issuance of not to exceed \$4,250,000 aggregate principal amount of Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2021, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2021-04-020

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kahlow, to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0224](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse defining bicycle sharing facilities.

Ord. 5175. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-0324](#)

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 906 Gillette Street.

Ord. 5176. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-0360](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to the Heavy Industrial District allowing for self-storage buildings at 630 Fisherman's Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Ord. 5177. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-0191](#)

Resolution authorizing reclassification of two positions within the Information Technology Department.

2021-04-021

[21-0219](#)

Resolution appropriating unbudgeted funds for engineering design consultant services on WisDOT Hwy 35 project (ID# 5163-07-02/77).

2021-04-022

- [21-0244](#) Resolution approving a partial vacation of the alley located between Liberty Street, Charles Street and Gillette Street and Sill Street.
2021-04-023
- [21-0251](#) Resolution approving 2021 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and County of La Crosse.
2021-04-024
- [21-0279](#) Resolution designating \$442,000 in available Tax Increment Financing (TID) 14 cash to fund acquisition of multiple properties on the East side of 4th St between Jackson and Mississippi St for demolition and future multi-family affordable housing.
2021-04-025
- [21-0319](#) Resolution declaring the Statement of Project Intentions for the La Crosse Regional Airport.
2021-04-026
- [21-0320](#) Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid - Petition for Airport Project.
2021-04-027
- [21-0321](#) Resolution Canceling Capital Improvement Projects 2019-74 and 2020-74 to Construct Solar Array Canopy.
2021-04-028
- [21-0322](#) Resolution approving a contract with Princeton Informa, LLC, for passenger statistic evaluation services.
2021-04-029
- [21-0340](#) Resolution approving Application of El Charro Bar Grill Mexican Restaurant LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 115 5th Avenue S. allowing for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License.
2021-04-030
- [21-0359](#) Resolution approving the exchange of land between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and landowner Thomas D. Culp and Kimberley E. Culp.
2021-04-031

[21-0361](#) Resolution approving Application of Ironside Properties LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 630 Fisherman's Road allowing self-storage buildings.

2021-04-032

[21-0374](#) Resolution authorizing reclassification of Senior Planner position.

2021-04-033

[21-0375](#) Resolution authorizing the financing of the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, and directing the borrowing of funds by the City for the purpose of financing the costs thereof.

2021-04-034

[21-0384](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Financial Agreement for the Reconstruction of USH 53, Third & Fourth Streets (ID# 5250-06-02/03).

2021-04-035

[21-0416](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (April).

2021-04-036

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[21-0379](#) 2020 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report.

2021-04-037

[21-0380](#) La Crosse Fire Department 2020 Annual Community Report.

2021-04-038

Adjournment

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Gaul, to ADJOURN to April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.