



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on 6/11/2026.

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

Approval of Minutes

Unanimous consent to approve minutes of April 9, 2026 special and regular meetings.

Reports

[26-0518](#)

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

2026-05-001

Unanimous consent to RECEIVE AND FILE.

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Goggin noted anniversaries of officers and staff members in the Police Department: Mancuso and Nesbit (20 years), Tolvstad and Oates (15 years), Elsen and LaBrec (10); awards recognition 14 officers noted for service and livesaving acts: Beardmore, Nesbit, Stuber, Teff, Rossman, Stenslien, Brown, Mancuso, Jarrett, Clason, Lang, Peterson, Grode, and Armour. She also gave a shout-out to Jacky Greschner, Kery Gloede, and Avrie Schott for their work on the new City website. She also noted the naming ceremony for the workforce center at the Boys & Girls Club; the center is named after Judy Corbett Hutchens. Council Member Stein congratulated UW-L graduates and students who made it through finals. Council President Dickinson noted that she was able to attend the small business academy, and the civil discourse with UW-L students. She also noted that Drift Cycle has three new stations on the north side of the City. She congratulated Airport Director Koss on receiving her accreditation and also thanked JD Roberts for his presentation at the North La Crosse Business Association. She invited everyone to Renew the Block which is occurring at the end of this month. Council Member Trost gave a shout-out to Three Sixty Realty's C and C Residences as a new housing option for La Crosse residents. Council Member Newberry noted the Reach Center's finalization of their new Dental Center. He also noted how great it was to see the downtown businesses being busy, especially in a location where there was no parking on the street for that day. Council Member Northwood congratulated the Library on their new mural. She also congratulated the Hillview Campus on finishing their construction for some of their new facilities. She also noted the new statue in the Friendship Garden, depicting Betsy Thunder, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Council Member Weston commended Ari Kolas in their work to help develop the old Grandview Hospital into apartments. She noted that she attended a La Crosse Soup, a grassroots fundraising event, and invited all to attend their events that start back up in the fall. She also encouraged attendance the open forums on the indoor aquatic center proposal. Council Member Bedford noted that the Parks department talked about accessibility options for the Veterans Freedom Trail at the Citizens with Disabilities Committee meeting and mentioned that folks can make donations to the fundraiser. She also noted that May is Mental Health Awareness month. Council Member Kahlow noted that May is National Preservation month and this year is the 50th anniversary of the Preservation Alliance of La Crosse. Council Member Mindel noted that last week was Housing Week and expressed their excitement for the new C and C Residences. She also noted that Opus Bakehouse has finished construction and will be opening soon. Council Member Janssen noted the new website and the new feature to easily send an email to all members of the Council.

Status Update

[26-0410](#)

Presentation from Couleecap and Karuna on ARPA Bridge Housing Projects

An update was provided by Couleecap and Karuna.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[26-0517](#)

Resolution approving 2026 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in May 2026.

2026-05-002

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Kahlow, 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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[26-0508](#)

City Plan Commission: James Szymalak. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Jason Mickelson, Jeff Nylander. Human Rights Commission: Marissa Sutherland, Rosanne Northwood, A Xiong. International Committee: Dana Young. Library Board: Hannah Amann. Police and Fire Commission: Nese Nasif.

2026-05-003

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

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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0161](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Zenith Tech, INC. in the amount \$1,118,900.58 for the City of La Crosse Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

2026-05-004

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

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

[26-0316](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$659,688.00 for the 16th & Farnam St Utilities project.

2026-05-005

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

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

[26-0323](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$520,310.05 for the Raised Intersections on 16th St S project.

2026-05-006

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

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

[26-0324](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical Inc in the amount of \$448,495.00 for the Water Meter Station-Veterans Park project.

2026-05-007

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

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

[26-0326](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical Inc in the amount of \$1,049,113.00 for the Pammel Creek Rd Lift Station Improvements project.

2026-05-008

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

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

[26-0405](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to A-1 Excavating LLC in the amount of \$1,728,730.00 for the Ferry Street - 11th St to 15th St project.

2026-05-009

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

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

[26-0406](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to B&B Electric in the amount of \$252,934.00 for the La Crosse Public Library Switchgear Replacement project.

2026-05-010

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

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

[26-0407](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction in the amount of \$393,939.00 for the Wood St - Dead End S to St. Andrew St & Island St - George St to Loomis St project.

2026-05-011

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

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

No: 1 - Goggin

[26-0408](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction in the amount of \$533,165.00 for the Trane Park Pickleball Court Expansion project.

2026-05-012

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

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

[26-0457](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount \$173,765.00 for the 2026 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement project.

2026-05-013

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Report of Bids 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

[26-0134](#)

Resolution establishing the 2027-2031 Capital Equipment Budget.

2026-05-014

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

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow

[26-0303](#)

Resolution authorizing the creation and uses of special revenue fund for the Street Department

2026-05-015

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

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Stine, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 4 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE DIVIDED

[26-0272](#)

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 (May).

2026-05-016

A motion was made by Weston, 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

[26-0494](#)

Application of JKLM LLC dba Days Inn La Crosse for a Class "B" Beer license for remainder of license period 2025-2026.

2026-05-017

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Kahlow, that the Application be DENIED (applications withdrawn). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[26-0377](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal, recreate, create, and amend various sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to electric bicycles, electric scooters, and other vehicle use.

ORD. 5370. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Dickinson, to AMEND per Bedford proposed amendments. The motion failed on a vote of 5 to 8 (No: Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Trost, Weston, Northwood).

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, to AMEND per Kahlow proposed amendments. The motion failed on a vote of 3 to 10 (No: Dickinson, Goggin, Sleznikow, Stine, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood).

The motion to ADOPT carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0416](#)

Resolution approving policy for the Housing Grant Revolving Fund Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request.

2026-05-018

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

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

No: 1 - Janssen

[26-0425](#)

Resolution to re-allocate unspent Capital funds from completed purchase and/ or projects to underfunded capital project needs for the Water Utility.

2026-05-019

A motion was made by Newberry, 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

[26-0426](#)

Resolution to re-allocate unspent Capital funds from completed purchase and/ or projects to underfunded and unplanned capital equipment needs for the Sanitary Sewer Utility.

2026-05-020

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, 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

[26-0433](#)

Resolution to allocate funds from TID 15 to approved capital improvement project for 16th Street Intersections.

2026-05-021

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Bedford, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0380](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial District and Special Residence District to the Planned Development District - General, allowing for a mixed use of residential and commercial at 3102 Chestnut Place and adjacent parcels 17-10315-626, 17-10315-627, and 17-10315-628.

ORD. 5371. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[26-0144](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Lot 1, Certified Survey Map Number 67, Volume 19, Document Number 1761262, Located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for dedication of right-of-way and waiver of platting requirements.

2026-05-022

[26-0337](#)

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

2026-05-023

- [26-0341](#) 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 6, 2026.
2026-05-024
- [26-0343](#) Preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs 66.0829 and 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the operation and maintenance of a downtown parking system.
2026-05-025
- [26-0379](#) Request for exception to Commercial Design Standards by Mayo Employees Federal Credit Union for an exception to the parking placement requirement at 605 West Ave. S.
2026-05-026
- [26-0385](#) Resolution approving La Crosse Center Concessionaire Agreement with Downtown Mainstreet, Inc. for 2026-2029.
2026-05-027
- [26-0445](#) Resolution authorizing City Finance and Fire Departments to establish a special revenue fund to fulfill obligations of Resolutions 26-0221 and 25-1472.
2026-05-028

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

- [26-0133](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Special Residence District, allowing for three rental units (one duplex and a single-family unit) at 1402 & 1410 Gillette Street and 1552 Loomis Street.
Referred 30 days to the June 2026 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.