Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 900 block of East Avenue South.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a request was received by a property owner with a failing and non-compliant, private sewer lateral in the 900 block of East Avenue South, requiring installation of Sanitary Sewer main; and

WHEREAS, said failure has occurred on a private long-lateral to a residential property in said block causing routine sewage backups, and replacement of the existing private long-lateral would result in greater long-term cost for the owner and would perpetuate a non-compliant case; and

WHEREAS, the existence of private long-laterals (sewer) and long-services (water) in said block is due to the absence of sewer and water mains in said block; and

WHEREAS, installation of new mains, in accordance with Municipal Code and adopted utility policies, requires a project not in the existing year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget; and

WHEREAS, creation of a new project is prudent to timely and efficiently address multiple utility needs for property owners and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, creation of a project requires funding, as approved by the Common Council, with possible sources including, but not limited to, unused capital funds, utility operating funds, unbudgeted utility cash, revolving assessment funds, and assessments to property owners per existing Code; and

WHEREAS, the existing condition of the roadway may necessitate partial or full funding of roadway and surface infrastructure to be paid for by Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the project can be implemented with no new funding required, through the utilization of remaining funds from completed and/or under-budget Capital projects and purchases, and with no increase to borrowing or budgets; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare that such projects and funding be approved for expeditious implementation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-360(c) of the Code of Ordinances states *Unanticipated projects/equipment*. Any Capital Project and Capital Equipment item not previously listed in the adopted Capital Budget requiring immediate funding from the Capital Budget will require a two-thirds vote of the Common Council members present at the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby creates and funds a public works project in said block, including adjacent intersections, as necessary, for complete utility systems and replacement of roadway and existing surface infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said project is approved via funding sources and amounts as provided herein:

Water ($210,000.00):

CIP 24183 (Moore St) (Water)	$6,593.60
CIP 24134 (Saint James St) (Water)	$16,440.54
CIP 25883 (Replacement Funds) (Water)	$69,596.85
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CIP 24U05 (Well 22) (Water)	$17,369.01

Sanitary ($140,000.00):

Sewer Restricted Bond Funds account 6356324 588000	$140,000.00

Storm ($30,000):

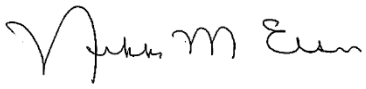
CIP 24134 (Saint James) (Storm)	$1,681.56
CIP 21173 (Causeway Blvd) (Storm)	$842.66
CIP 24810 (Utility Office Remodel) (Storm)	$5,342.50
CIP 24423 (Saint Andrew St) (Storm)	$15,000.00
CIP 23756 (Rose St) (Storm)	$7,133.28

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said project shall follow routine statutory construction bid processes, public bidding laws, and City of La Crosse policies for any necessary special assessments to property owners for utility improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to use portions of said funds for purchase of materials or equipment for said construction projects, if required in advance of, or as part of, said projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City departments and staff are hereby authorized to effectuate implementation of this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on June 11, 2026.



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Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin