Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 1900 block of Market Street.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, video inspection of the sanitary main in the 1900 block of Market Street has revealed multiple locations of failing lateral connections into the main, as well as areas of sagging pipe, leading to partially blocked flow in the pipe and likely imminent collapse of the failed lateral connections; and

WHEREAS, the sewer main in said block is an aged clay tile pipe, installed in 1919, at a greater-than-average depth of more than twenty two (22) feet, making new connections or replacement of small sections of main very difficult, as the pipe crumbles when disturbed, resulting in repairs being extremely expensive for owners of sewer laterals and a partial replacement being impractical; and

WHEREAS, replacement of existing 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 utilized 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 departmental budgets needed; 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 ($280,000.00):

CIP 26436 (Ferry St) (Water)	$12,667.65
Water Restricted Bond Funds account 640 101101 P1280	$267,332.35

Sanitary ($270,000.00):

Sewer Restricted Bond Funds account 6356324 588000	$222,189.92
CIP 24169 (21st Street N) (Sewer)	$47,810.08

Storm ($0.00):

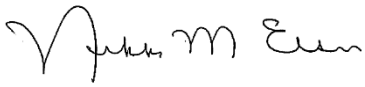
(Storm)	$0.00

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