



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to **APPROVE** minutes of November 14 & 18, 2024; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-1594](#)

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

2024-12-001

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Council President Kahlow noted that she and Council Member Neumann were honored to be able to visit the sister city Epinal in France. Both noted the connection to the sister city in that they face similar issues and challenges that the City of La Crosse experiences. Council Member Goggin noted that the Canadian Pacific Holiday Trane stopped in La Crosse earlier in the week and thanked the Visitor's Bureau and the Police Department for their work related to the event. Mayor Reynolds visited Busan, South Korea, to participate in the United Nations Environmental Program Global Plastics Treaty Negotiations and as the only Mayor there, was able to talk about how critical it is to address plastic pollution as the burden truly falls on local governments for waste management and community health. Mayor Reynolds acknowledged the unexpected loss of K9 Officer Loki, and expressed his condolences not only to the police department, but also to Loki's handler and family.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-1593](#)

Resolution approving 2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in December 2024.

2024-12-002

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-1586](#)

Arts Board: Jennifer Morris, Andrew Sherman. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Chet Kirschbaum. City Plan Commission: Jacob Sciammas.

2024-12-003

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Sleznikow, to SUSPEND CR XV for items 24-1557, 24-1563, and 24-1598. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1452](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Pember Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$131,515.25 for the Pammel Creek Repairs Phase 1 project.

2024-12-004

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[24-1450](#)

Report of Bids for the Hintgen Neighborhood Pedestrian Lighting Project.

2024-12-005

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[24-1437](#)

Resolution approving the sale of City owned property at 626 Monitor Street to Property Logic III.

2024-12-006

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be REFERRED to the first Economic and Community Development Committee meeting in 2025 to evaluate both of the proposals for the property. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Schwarz, Happel

No: 6 - Dickinson, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Neumann

The motion to ADOPT failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dickinson, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Neumann

No: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Schwarz, Happel

[24-1506](#)

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

2024-12-007

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

No: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[24-1598](#)

Amended Resolution reallocating American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) from the Marsh Lead Contamination Allocation to Carroll Park Improvements, CIP #440.

2024-12-008

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1323](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Section 115-393 and amend Section 115-512 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding removal of all off-street parking requirements.

ORD. 5317. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 3 - Goggin, Kahlow, Woodard

[24-1435](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business and Commercial Districts to the Commercial District, allowing for 1133 West George Street to be combined with an adjacent parcel of the same zoning.

ORD. 5318. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Recuse: 1 - Woodard

[24-1465](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential District to the Residence District, allowing for a duplex at 516 5th Avenue S.

ORD. 5319. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[24-1542](#)

Resolution re-allocating and appropriating unused roadway funds for additional funding on HSIP and Signal Replacement projects.

2024-12-009

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1438](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 103-274 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Service Charge for inspection, review and issuance of a Release of Raze and Removal Order filed with the Register of Deeds.

ORD. 5320. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-1466](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 103-109(c)(6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to update code language regarding pool covers.

ORD. 5321. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-1373](#)

Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapter 10, Articles XIII, XIV, and XVIII of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the 2025 license period (Public Vehicle for Hire, Horse-Drawn Vehicle, Pedicabs and Pedal Cars).

2024-12-010

- [24-1374](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (December).
2024-12-011
- [24-1389](#) Resolution authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Program for the Haven on Main development.
2024-12-012
- [24-1418](#) Resolution approving Request of Jadeboy LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 1217 Caledonia St. Suite B for the license year 2024-25.
2024-12-013
- [24-1434](#) Resolution approving application of Joseph Endrizzi/JME Products LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 1513 Market Street allowing for demolition of existing structure for green space until property is redeveloped.
2024-12-014
- [24-1453](#) Resolution declaring certain property at 713 St. James St. (parcel #17-10010-90) as surplus property.
2024-12-015
- [24-1473](#) Resolution approving application of Gerrard Development LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 907, 915, 919 & 927 Main Street and 115 & 117 10th Street N allowing for demolition of existing structure for green space until property is redeveloped.
2024-12-016
- [24-1487](#) Resolution adopting the HUD Citizen Participation Plan.
2024-12-017
- [24-1498](#) Resolution reallocating American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) to the ARPA interest revenue account.
2024-12-018
- [24-1520](#) Resolution approving subordination request by Ocean Fin, LLC on Upper Floor Renovation Loan.
2024-12-019

- [24-1521](#) Resolution to re-allocate unused funds from closed projects and re-appropriate additional funds to open projects for the Water Utility.
2024-12-020
- [24-1522](#) Resolution to re-allocate unused funds from closed projects and re-appropriate additional funds to open projects for the Stormwater Utility.
2024-12-021
- [24-1523](#) Resolution to re-allocate unused funds from closed projects and re-appropriate additional funds to open projects for the Sewer Utility.
2024-12-022
- [24-1524](#) Resolution to authorize Sanitary Sewer Utility to purchase used dump truck from the Street Department.
2024-12-023
- [24-1526](#) Resolution re-appropriating Operating Budget funds for purchase of Street Department and Refuse & Recycling vehicles from the fleet lease program.
2024-12-024
- [24-1527](#) Resolution approving Federal transit operations and capital assistance application.
2024-12-025
- [24-1528](#) Resolution approving State transit operating and capital assistance application.
2024-12-026
- [24-1530](#) Resolution appropriating additional Utility funds for design and environmental documentation as part of the STP-Urban project on 6th Street, from State Street to Cass Street.
2024-12-027
- [24-1537](#) Resolution to approve adjusted wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees effective January 1, 2025.
2024-12-028
- [24-1549](#) Resolution approving request of John William Waters dba Jr's Ghost Kitchen LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 705 Rose Street for the license year 2024-25.
2024-12-029

[24-1557](#)

Resolution authorizing application for and participation in the 2024 pre-disaster flood resilience grant program with Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and designation of funding for same.

2024-12-030

[24-1563](#)

Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127 (IAFF) for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

2024-12-031

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7: 15 p.m.