City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | **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

Pastor Mark Kvale, English Lutheran Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the minutes of March 13, 2025 be APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

25-0418 Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of February.

2025-04-001

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, 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 Member Sleznikow thanked the outgoing elected officials for their efforts over the last four years and wished them all well. Council Member Goggin noted the April 2nd Police Dept Promotion and the April 4th Fire Dept Award Ceremony. Council Member Woodard gave a farewell and showed his appreciation for his fellow colleagues. Council President Kahlow presented a Key to the City to outgoing elected officials and thanked them for their service. Council Member Neumann reflected on the Ethics Complaint submitted against him. Council Member Kiel thanked the outgoing elected officials and City Staff for their work. Council Member Schwarz thanked City Staff and outgoing elected officials. Mayor Reynolds noted the wonderful Police & Fire Department promotional ceremonies and recognized the City Clerk and their remarkable team for their work on the recent election. He also noted that the City website has a Chatbot named "River" and thanked city staff for their efforts in getting it up and running. Reynolds welcomed the new City Council members and Mayor and thanked them for stepping up; he also thanked the outgoing elected officials and City staff and noted that the incremental changes made over time make a difference and that all should be proud of the work that has been done to improve the community.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

25-0417 Resolution approving 2024/2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in April 2025.

2025-04-002

A motion was made by Kiel, 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

25-0399 Heritage Preservation Commission: Natalie Heneghan, John Reiman. Library Board: Jessica Thill. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Antonette Travline. Citizens Board of Review: Susan Dillenbeck. Ethics Board: Jodi Widuch, Matthew Bersagel Braley. Aviation Board: Alan Fullerton. La Crosse Center Board: Angela Seeger. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Chelsey Boldon.

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Trost, that the Appointment of Jessica Thill to the Library Board be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost

No: 4 - Kahlow, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

Abstain: 2 - Goggin, Janssen

2025-04-003

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Dickinson, that the balance of 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 Janssen, seconded by Schwarz, to Suspend CR XV for file 25-0377. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

25-0159 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Badger Environmental & Earthworks, Inc. in the amount of $659,048.95 for the 15th and Vine St project.

2025-04-004

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

25-0175 Report of Bids and Resolutions awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of $131,815.00 for the 2025 Miscellaneous Curb & Gutter and Pavement Replacement project.

2025-04-005

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Woodard, 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

25-0184 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to BKC Construction LLC in the amount of $612,042.33 for the Saint Andrew Street project.

2025-04-006

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Dickinson, 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

25-0185 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of $125,931.22 for the 13th Place project.

2025-04-007

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Trost, 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

25-0264 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction in the amount of $198,780.90 for the 7th Street - Ferry St to Market St project.

2025-04-008

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Dickinson, 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

25-0265 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of $171,326.10 for the Highland Street project.

2025-04-009

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, 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

25-0266 Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of $121,224.51 for the 28th Street - Lincoln St to Ward Ave project.

2025-04-010

A motion was made by Dickinson, 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

BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

25-0183 Report of Bids for the 21st Street - State St to Campbell Rd project.

2025-04-011

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 RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

25-0307 AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific, allowing for the construction of a multi-family residential building at 518 and 526 10th St. S.

ORD. 5328. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 8-3 (No: Dickinson, Schwarz, Trost; Non-voting: Happel).

The following spoke: Jeremy Novak.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

The motion to ADOPT carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Woodard

Abstain: 1 - Goggin

25-0172 Resolution to contract with Baker Tilly to help the City of La Crosse claim elective pay incentives and appropriate tax credits to fund climate action plan implementation.

2025-04-012

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

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

No: 1 - Janssen

25-0232 Resolution establishing the 2026-2030 Capital Equipment Budget.

2025-04-013

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sleznikow, 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

25-0327 Resolution appropriating Storm Water Utility funds for additional storm sewer construction as part of contract PAVE-2025-003 (15th & Vine Streets - LRIP).

2025-04-014

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, 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

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

25-0350 Resolution supporting SB 1026 regarding the creation of State Film Office.

2025-04-015

A motion was made by Neumann, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

25-0262 AN ORDINANCE to amend section 105-25. (b) (5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to update code language regarding required inspections of construction site erosion control.

ORD. 5329. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0280 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 Residence District, allowing for the property to be used a duplex at 1909 Kane Street.

ORD. 5330. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0291 AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific, allowing for construction of a bakery, deli, and coffee shop with a second-story apartment at 1513 Market Street.

ORD. 5331. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0304 AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Public and Semi-Public District to the Multiple Dwelling District, allowing for the building to be converted into apartments at 1307 16th St. S.

ORD. 5332. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0309 AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific, allowing for the construction of townhomes and a community garden at 918, 920, 922, 928, 934, & 940 Division Street.

ORD. 5333. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

25-0129 Resolution approving a conditional partial vacation of the public alley right-of-way in the area bound by 9th St, 10th St, Main St, and State St.

2025-04-016

25-0196 Resolution approving application of The Charmant Hotel LLC dba The Charmant Hotel for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at the 100 Block of State Street on Friday, August 15, 2025.

2025-04-017

25-0263 Resolution approving the Sale of Surplus Property at 2710 Onalaska Avenue.

2025-04-018

25-0270 Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, WI - Sanitary Sewer in 2400 block of Highland Street.

2025-04-019

25-0279 Resolution approving the Docking Agreement with American Cruise Lines.

2025-04-020

25-0322 Resolution approving a five-year lease extension with the Pump House Regional Arts Center for the property located at 119 King Street (Parcel #17-20026-060).

2025-04-021

25-0345 Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - All of Lot 1 Lot 2, Lot 9, Lot 10, Lot11 & Lot 12 and Parts of Lot 3, Lot 8 & the vacated alley of Metzger's Addition to the City of La Crosse, located in Part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, T16N, R7W, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for right-of-way dedication (Haven on Main).

2025-04-022

25-0346 Resolution approving the carryover of unexpended appropriations from the 2024 Operating Budget and 2024 year-end budget adjustments for department cost overruns.

2025-04-023

25-0347 Resolution appropriating Tax Incremental District (TID) 10 funds for the Wagon Wheel Trail.

2025-04-024

25-0368 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 (April).

2025-04-025

25-0377 Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Utilities department regarding weekly hours.

2025-04-026

25-0378 Resolution approving 2025 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and the County of La Crosse.

2025-04-027

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.