

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 8, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the first meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of January was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cherryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Administrator Bill Waller, Community Development Director Larry Kirch, and Deputy Clerk Angie Boettcher.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the Mayor read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2023
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – JANUARY 5, 2024
- 1.3

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Poellinger asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.1 – ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

City Council took up discussion of the annual appointments for 2024, following which Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, to approve the following motion:

A MOTION TO APPROVE DALE WILLIAMS AS THE ACTING MAYOR.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

Member Dale Williams abstained from voting, and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

Upon recommendation of official depositories for the City by Finance Director Kara Tarrence, Member Hutchinson then introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24-01

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING, AS A DEPOSITORY OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT FUNDS, ONE OR MORE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 118A.02, subd. 1 and Minn. Stat. §§ 427.01-.12, require that the City of La Crescent designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions within 30 days of the start of the City’s fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of La Crescent designates the following financial institutions as official depositories for the City of La Crescent for all City banking functions and investments:

- Merchants Bank - La Crescent
- Home Federal Savings - La Crescent
- Northland Securities, Inc.
- 4M Fund (sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities)
- Institutional CD’s Inc./CD Securities, Inc. – Broker
- Multi-Banks Securities
- Eitzen State Bank – La Crescent

ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Jostad and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Regarding the Official Newspaper, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad, to approve the following motion:

A MOTION APPOINTING THE *HOUSTON COUNTY NEWS* AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Regarding Assistant Weed Inspector, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the following motion:

A MOTION APPOINTING SHAWN WETTERLIN AS ASSISTANT WEED INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Member O'Donnell-Ebner then introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24-02

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY AND ASSIGNING DUTIES, STATE OF MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 13.02 Subdivision 16, as amended, requires that the City of La Crescent appoint one person as the Responsible Authority to administer the requirements for collection, storage, use, and dissemination of data on individuals, within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council shares concern expressed by the Legislature on the responsible use of all City data and wishes to satisfy this concern by immediately appointing an administratively qualified Responsible Authority as required under the statutes,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of La Crescent appoints Angie Boettcher as the Responsible Authority for the purposes of meeting all requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, as amended, and with rules as lawfully promulgated by the Commissioner of Administration.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Responsible Authority shall require the requesting party to pay the actual costs of making, certifying, and compiling copies and of preparing summary data.

ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Hutchinson and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.2 – ADVISORY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Poellinger reviewed with City Council the various City of La Crescent standing commission appointments for 2024 and recommended reappointing those that are expiring. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CITY OF LA CRESCENT STANDING COMMISSIONS FOR 2024:

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. _____ - 2026
2. Greg Husmann - 2025
3. Dave Hanifl - 2025
4. Mike Welch - 2024
5. Chris Langen – 2026*
6. Ryan Stotts - 2024
7. Jerry Steffes – 2024

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1. Jon Steffes - 2025
2. Paul Mclellan - 2025
3. Patricia Martell - 2025
4. Marge Loch-Wouters – 2026*
5. Sarah Wetterlin – 2026*
6. Diana Adamski - 2024
7. Maseray Bangura -2024

GOLF COMMISSION

1. Gary Hill - 2025
2. Tom Jones - 2024
3. Larry Ernst - 2025
4. Bill Dockendorff- 2026*
5. Scott Yeiter – 2026*

HISTORIC BLUFF COUNTRY COMMISSION

- 1.

LIBRARY BOARD

1. Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner – 2024*
2. Jess Denny – 2026^
3. Kelsey Bolton - 2025
4. Susan Amble - 2024
5. Sara Docan-Morgan – 2025
6. Kristi Moulton – 2026*
7. Erica Myhre – 2024

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- 1.
2. Sarah Delacy – 2026*
3. Mike Welch - 2024
4. Troy Nolop – 2026*
5. Lori Kadlec - 2024
6. Al Voss - 2025
7. Brett Kemmer – 2024

GREENSTEP COMMITTEE

1. Jim Nissen - 2024
2. Jason Ludwigson -2024
3. Michael Alfieri - 2024
4. Tyler Benish - 2024
5. Bob Spencer -2024

- 6. Lauren Rislov - 2024
- 7. Jeremy Wise – 2024

NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY GROUP

- 1. Jim Nissen - 2024
- 2. Ruth Nissen - 2024
- 3. Betsy Knowles - 2024
- 4. Randy Urich - 2024
- 5. Marge Loch-Wouters - 2024
- 6.
- 7.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

- 1. Jason Ludwigson - 2024
- 2. Linda Larson - 2024
- 3. Maseray Bangura - 2024
- 4. Kristen Willow Arden – 2024

Indicates Reappointed*

Indicates New Appointment^

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.3 – CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

At the direction of the Mayor, the proposed Commission assignments for 2024 were reviewed by City Council. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CITY COMMISSIONS FOR 2024:

Planning Commission	Cherryl Jostad
Emergency Services Commission	Mike Poellinger

Library Board	Teresa O'Donnell Ebner
Golf Commission	Ryan Hutchinson
Park and Recreation Commission	Teresa O'Donnell Ebner
Personnel Committee	Mike Poellinger and Dale Williams
La Crescent Animal Rescue	
Fire Cooperative	Mike Poellinger and Cherryl Jostad
Economic Development Commission	Cherryl Jostad
Fire Department Relief Association	Dale Williams
Explore La Crosse	Cherryl Jostad
GreenStep Committee	Teresa O'Donnell Ebner

The La Crescent Animal Rescue appointment is open for now, as the city is in the process of finalizing a lease agreement between the City and La Crescent Animal Rescue that would eliminate the need for a City Council appointment to this organization.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.4 – REVIEW CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

City Attorney Wieser reviewed Resolution No. 02-13-03 which sets forth the groundwork for orderly and respectful communication and to promote efficient working of the public's interest at Council Meetings. Pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 412.91 Subd. 2, City Councils have the authority to regulate their own procedure. The Organizational Resolution has been in place with the City of La Crescent since 1975. Significant reviews were done in 2013 and 2014. Thereafter, the document has been reviewed and approved at the initial meeting of the year. It was recommended by Attorney Wieser to change the regular City Council meeting time under Subd. 1. to 5:00 p.m. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES WITH A CHANGE TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME UNDER SUBD. 1. TO 5:00 P.M.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.5 – REVIEW CITY CODE OF CONDUCT

City Attorney Wieser then reviewed with City Council the Code of Conduct for elected and appointed officials of the City of La Crescent. The Code of Conduct was initially adopted in 2014. The Code of Conduct is an aspirational document for the city and how the Council and other representatives of the city conduct themselves while performing city business. There were no proposed changes to this Code of Conduct. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY CODE OF CONDUCT AS PRESENTED.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.6 – REVIEW SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

City Attorney Wieser also reviewed with City Council a copy of the existing Communications Policy adopted by the City of La Crescent. This was initially adopted in March 2003 and has been reviewed annually and updated as needed. It was recommended to add “full-time employees” subject to approval by the City Council to the Employee Cell Phone Per Diem Agreement/Policy. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNICATION POLICY WITH THE ADDITION OF “FULL-TIME” EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE PER DIEM AGREEMENT/POLICY.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.7 – CALL FOR SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 1/29/2024

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council for approval to call for a special City Council meeting on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 5:00 pm, in the Community Room at the La Crescent Community Building to review the preliminary conceptual plans for the new City Hall/Public Library/Police Department facilities, including a review of current and proposed square footages in each facility. The meeting will include reviews of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plans that were adopted in 2022 and 2023, the Land Exchange Agreement that the city has with VSC Corporation, and a review of potential grant opportunities that may be available to offset a portion of the total cost of the proposed improvement project. The City Council will be considering authorizing additional architectural/engineering services necessary to submit preliminary grant applications, including the preparation of construction cost estimates related to the proposed improvement project. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 AT 5:00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY BUILDING TO REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY/POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES INCLUDING A REVIEWS OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED SQUARE FOOTAGES, THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS THAT WERE ADOPTED IN 2022 AND 2023, THE LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT THAT THE CITY HAS WITH VSC CORPORATION, AND POTENTIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONSIDERING AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY GRANT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.8 – REVIEW PUBLIC SAFETY AID FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2023

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager regarding the 2023 omnibus tax bill that included \$210 million in one-time public safety aid that was distributed on December 26, 2023, to cities across the state. Unlike local government aid, this aid cannot be used for general purposes, but instead must be used to “provide public safety.” The City of La Crescent was allocated \$233,374.00 [per capita basis] for the following eligible uses:

- Community Violence prevention
- Community intervention programs
- Community engagement
- Mental health crisis response
- Victim services
- Training programs
- First responder wellness
- Equipment related to fire, rescue, and emergency services
- Other personnel or equipment costs

ITEM 3.9 – AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – EMERGENCY SIREN

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager regarding the need to add an additional warning siren to the City’s emergency alert system. The city currently has three warning sirens strategically placed throughout the city to notify residents of impending natural disasters, severe weather events, and other emergencies. However, as the community continues to grow, the city must adapt and enhance its emergency preparedness measures to adequately protect its citizens. Reasons for adding an additional warning siren include:

- Improved Coverage
- Redundancy
- Population Growth
- Diverse Hazards

It was recommended that City Council approve the quotation from Federal Signal Corporation in the amount of \$25,895.00 (Siren/Equipment - \$14,785.00 and Installation - \$11,110.00) using funds from the Public Safety Aid package to purchase the equipment and installation. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE \$25,895.00 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AID PACKAGE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL WARNING SIREN TO THE CITY’S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.10 – AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – POLICE CAR UPFITTING

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager requesting approval to use between \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00 of the Public Safety Aid package for the police upfitting of the newly acquired Tesla squad car. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE BETWEEN \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AID PACKAGE TO UPFIT THE TESLA SQUAD CAR.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.11 – RESOLUTION – MnDEED REDEVELOPMENT GRANT

Community Development Director Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council for approval a Resolution supporting the MnDEED Redevelopment Grant Application which assists cities in the redevelopment of blighted properties. The city is applying to DEED for a grant to assist in the demolition and redevelopment of the laundromat building located on Walnut Street South. The grant will fund up to fifty (50) percent of eligible costs. In this case, the grant would be limited to building demolition, geotechnical soil stabilization, and public infrastructure costs. If the city is successful in receiving the grant, the developer will be paying for fifty (50) percent of the eligible costs resulting in no cost to the city other than the administration of the grant. Following discussion, Member Williams introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24-03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND COMMITTING THE LOCAL MATCH AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent, MN has created a Tax Increment Finance District for the redevelopment and revitalization of a portion of South Walnut Street which includes the laundromat building located at 31 South Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of Walnut Street is and has been a high priority for the city since the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Master Plan, and the Walnut Street Corridor Plan.

IT IS RESOLVED, by the City Council that it has approved the Redevelopment Grant application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) on January 8, 2024, by the City of La Crescent, MN for the Apple Blossom Laundromat/Dry Cleaners site.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota act as the legal sponsor for the project contained in the Redevelopment Grant Program application to be submitted on February 1, 2024, and that the Community Development Director is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of City of La Crescent, Minnesota.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of La Crescent has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the project identified in the application fails to substantially provide the public benefits listed in the application within five years from the date of the grant award, the City of La Crescent may be required to repay 100 percent of the awarded grant per Minn. Stat. § 116J.575, Subd. 4.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent has not violated any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, the City of La Crescent may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, and that the City of La Crescent certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the City of La Crescent.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of La Crescent on January 8, 2024.

_____ SIGNED:
Mayor, January 8, 2024

_____ SIGNED:
City Administrator, January 8, 2024

_____ WITNESSED BY:

Deputy Clerk, January 8, 2024

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.12 – RESOLUTION – MIGHTY DUCKS GRANT

Community Development Director Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council for approval a Resolution supporting the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission James Metzen Mighty Ducks Grant Application. The City is applying to the Mighty Ducks Grant to complete its R-22 Indirect Ice System replacement at the La Crescent Ice Arena and is requesting \$250,000.00. If the city is successful in receiving the grant the city would be required to match the \$250,000.00. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-24-04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION FOR THE JAMES METZEN MIGHTY DUCKS GRANT PROGRAM AND COMMITTING THE LOCAL MATCH AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC), via State Bonding funding, provides for general funds to assist political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota for the fulfillment of the purpose and goals of the James Metzen Mighty Ducks Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent desires to complete its R-22 Indirect Ice System Replacement at the La Crescent Community Ice Arena located at 520 S 14th Street, La Crescent, Minnesota.

IT IS RESOLVED:

- 1) That the total cost of completing the project shall be \$ 1,753,920 and the City of La Crescent is requesting \$250,000 from the James Metzen Mighty Ducks Grant Program and will assume responsibility for a matching contribution of \$250,000.
- 2) The City of La Crescent agrees to own, assume 100 percent operational costs for the facility or equipment, and will operate the facility or equipment for its intended purpose for the functional life of the facility or equipment which is estimated to be 25 years.
- 3) The City of La Crescent agrees to enter into necessary and required agreements with the MASC for the specific purpose of completing the project.
- 4) That a request for reimbursement be made to the MASC for the amount awarded after the completion of the project.
- 5) That City Administrator of The City of La Crescent is authorized and directed to execute said application and serve as the official liaison with the MASC.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 8th day of January, 2024, as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.13 – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

Community Development Director Larry Kirch updated City Council on the MnDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant Application. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.14 – IJJA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Community Development Director Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council the IJJA Grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.15 – 2024 LICENSE RENEWALS

City Council reviewed a list of proposed license renewals for 2024. The applications appear to be in order, and it was recommended to City Council to approve the license renewal applications. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRESENTED LIST OF LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2024 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

GAS INSTALLERS –

Cary Heating & Air Conditioning, Deml Controls Inc.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL (RESIDENTIAL)

Bill and April Farrell
SHORT-TERM RENTAL (COMMERCIAL)
Minegar’s Sports Hub/Ryan Minegar

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.16 – GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION

City Council reviewed a memo from City Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch for approval of a Gambling Permit application from the Onalaska Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. – raffle to be held on January 20, 2024, at the La Crescent Area Event Center. The application appears to be in order, and it was recommended that City Council approve the application and authorize Ms. Fortsch to forward the application to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING PERMIT FOR THE ONALASKA FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC. RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2024 AT THE LA CRESCENT AREA EVENT CENTER AND AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHRIS FORTSCH TO FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

8. HOUSTON COUNTY

Houston County Commissioner Dewey Severson was in attendance and gave an update.

9. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Delacy was in attendance and gave an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: January 22, 2023.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator