

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 23, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second 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 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, January 23, 2017, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Attorney, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, Ryan Hutchinson, Brian Krenz, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Attorney Skip Wieser and City Building and Zoning Official Shawn Wetterlin.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. There were no changes requested.

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 – JANUARY 9, 2017
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2017
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2016
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

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 Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.1 – STEVE MAU – 300 FOR 300

Steve Mau, Chairman of the 300 for 300 Committee of the School District 300 Foundation, gave a short presentation to the City Council regarding the 300 for 300 Committee helping to raise funds due to the School District's budget shortfall. This item was informational and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.2 – 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Shawn Wetterlin, City Zoning and Building Official, reviewed with City Council the recently completed 2016 Comprehensive Plan. The plan is also posted on the City's website. No action taken.

ITEM 3.3 – ANNEXATION PETITION

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a Petition requesting annexation by property owners at 1327 Valley Lane. Before the adoption of an Ordinance the City will need to hold a public hearing and provide 30 days written notice to La Crescent Township and contiguous property owners. It was recommended that the Petition be accepted and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 5:35 p.m. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 1327 VALLEY LANE AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 5:35 PM AT CITY HALL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.4 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

City Council reviewed a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that Ryan Quanrud be hired as a fire fighter. The hiring as a fire fighter would be contingent upon Mr. Quanrud entering into a dual employment agreement with the City of La Crescent, which was also reviewed by City Council. Mr. Quanrud has agreed to enter into the agreement and it was recommended to City Council to approve the hiring recommendation and dual employment agreement and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the dual employment agreement. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF RYAN QUANRUD AS A LA CRESCENT FIRE FIGHTER AND THE DUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MR. QUANRUD AND THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.5 – LANCER YOUTH HOCKEY PROCLAMATION

City Council reviewed a recommendation that the City Council proclaim Thursday, February 2, 2017, as Lancer Youth Hockey Day in the City of La Crescent. Lancer Youth Hockey has provided funds of \$108,238.52 to be used towards the calling of the \$215,000 in outstanding bonds at the ice arena. In addition to this contribution, Lancer Youth Hockey has contributed in excess of \$88,000 towards the two Mighty Ducks grants and the replacement of all the lighting at the ice arena with LED fixtures. It was recommended that at 6:00 that evening the Mayor and City Council present Lancer Youth Hockey with a proclamation in recognition of their commitment, effort, and contribution towards the community ice arena. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, as follows:

MOTION TO PROCLAIM THAT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017, BE LANCER YOUTH HOCKEY DAY IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN RECOGNITION OF LANCER YOUTH HOCKEY'S COMMITMENT, EFFORT, AND CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY ICE ARENA.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.6 – PROJECT REVIEW UPDATE

It was originally planned to present the County Road #6 Planning Study at the February 13, 2017 City Council Meeting. That presentation is now being moved to the February 27, 2017 City Council Meeting. City Engineer Tim Hruska will be in attendance to review the following engineering reports: the County Road #6 Planning Study, the North 4th Street utility extension project, and the South 3rd Street improvement project. This item was informational and no action taken.

ITEM 3.7 – CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The City has been working with SEMAC to prepare a Small Cities Development Program application to provide owner housing rehabilitation for low to moderate income households. The application will be submitted in February 2017. This is the same program that the City received a \$456,000 grant in 2010. As part of this process, the City is required to hold a public hearing prior to adopting a resolution authorizing submittal of the application. It was recommended to City Council to call for the public hearing on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:35 PM. Following discussion, Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

MOTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION TO PROVIDE OWNER HOUSING REHABILITATION FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:35 PM AT CITY HALL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The La Crescent Chamber gave an update on their annual meeting on February 25, 2017 and also an Oscar themed party.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	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 5:50 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator