

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 09, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the first meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of February was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, February 9, 2026.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following members were present: Members Cherryl Jostad, Chris Langen, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, Public Works Director Tyler Benish, Finance Director Kara Tarrence, and Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson.

**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 26, 2026
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.1 – REQUEST TO BURN – THOMAS RIFFE**

Eagle Scout Thomas Riffe had an agenda request and addressed City Council. Mr. Riffe is constructing a bike track/trail on ISD300 property. As a result of clearing way for the track, there are two large brush piles that Mr. Riffe would like to burn. Because open burning is prohibited in the City of La Crescent, Mr. Riffe would like permission from the City Council to apply for a burn permit through the DNR to burn the piles. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE EAGLE SCOUT THOMAS RIFFE TO APPLY FOR A BURN PERMIT THROUGH THE DNR TO BURN TWO LARGE BRUSH PILES ON ISD300 PROPERTY.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.2 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council three items from the February 3, 2026, Planning Commission meeting requiring City Council consideration.

**A. REZONING – CRUCIFIXION CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

The Crucifixion Church would like to rezone the properties they own located at 407 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 420 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from C-1 Highway Commercial and R-2 Single-Family/Two-Family Residential to Central Business District (CBD). The Planning Commission is recommending that City Council approve the rezoning request. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF THE CRUCIFIXION CHURCH PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 407 SOUTH 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND 420 SOUTH 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET FROM C-1 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AND R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY/TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD).**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

## **B. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL AND DAYCARE**

The Crucifixion Church has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for their property located at 420 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to allow for an approximate 9,500 square foot childcare addition onto the existing gym, with a storage room and restrooms at the gymnasium level. The Planning Commission is recommending that City Council approve the CUP based on the following conditions and findings:

### **Conditions of Approval:**

1. This CUP is conditionally approved pursuant to Chapter 12, ZONING ORDINANCE of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, Section 12-06, Conditional Use Permits and the use shall be as set forth in accordance with the application and plans attached and associated to this case and all the provisions of the zoning ordinance and city codes applicable to this case.
2. Applicant will abide by the representations made by the applicant, or their agents, made during the permitting process, to the extent those representations were not negated by the Planning Commission or City Council and to the extent they are not inconsistent with spirit or letter explicit conditions of the Conditional Use Permit.
3. The applicant shall comply with the city's adopted building codes.
4. Any security and site lighting shall be "Dark Sky" compliant, wherein all light sources shall be down-lit, full cutoff fixtures and shielded, and the correlated color temperature ("CCT") shall not exceed 2,700 Kelvins.
5. Applicant shall comply with all federal, state, and local regulations.

## Findings:

- A. That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property value within the immediate vicinity.

**Finding:** The proposed conditional use would not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted. The proposed conditional use could potentially add value to properties in the immediate vicinity with the expansion of childcare in the neighborhood.

- B. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

**Finding:** The proposed project will not impede any development as the surrounding properties are established developments.

- C. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

**Finding:** Utilities, access roads, drainage, and other facilities will be added or increased if needed per design of an engineer and with City of La Crescent approval.

- D. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

**Finding:** Additional parking will be added to the property to support any increase in parking needs.

- E. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. The use is consistent with the purposes of the zoning code and the purposes of the zoning district in which the applicant intends to locate the proposed use.

**Finding:** The intended use is the same as the current use, and will not constitute a nuisance. It is staff's opinion that the use is consistent with the purposes of the zoning code and purposes of the zoning district.

- F. The use is not in conflict with the policies of the City of La Crescent.

**Finding:** The proposed use is not in conflict with the policies of the City of La Crescent.

G. The use will not cause traffic hazards or congestion.

**Finding:** The proposed use should not cause traffic hazards or congestion as they are currently operating as a school and childcare.

H. Existing uses will not be adversely affected because of curtailment of customer trade brought about by intrusion of noise, glare or general unsightliness.

**Finding:** Existing uses will not be adversely affected.

Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM THE CRUCIFIXION CHURCH FOR AN APPROXIMATE 9,500 SQUARE FOOT CHILDCARE ADDITION ONTO THE EXISTING GYM, WITH A STORAGE ROOM AND RESTROOMS AT THE GYMNASIUM LEVEL BASED ON THE PRESENTED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

**A. PRELIMINARY PLAT – COULEE REGION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Coulee Region Property Management has submitted a Preliminary Plat Application for the three parcels they own located at 318 South Walnut street, 309 South Oak Street, and an unaddressed parcel in between the two. Coulee Region Property Management would like to combine all three parcels into one parcel to add an access road off Oak Street. The Planning Commission is recommending that City Council approve the Preliminary Plat application based on the following conditions and findings:

**Conditions of Approval:**

1. Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Plan approved by the City Engineer.

2. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan approved by the City Engineer. Drainage calculations need to be submitted to meet city and state requirements.
3. Developer enters into a Development Agreement with the City to be approved by the City Attorney and City Council prior to the final plat. Development Agreement will address the following:
  - a. Incorporating all representations of applicant/developer contained in December 17, 2025, application to the City including, but not limited to:
    - i. Paragraph 5 regarding removing of all nonconforming features prior to November 2026;
    - ii. Paragraph 11 amending the grading and construction plan to remove the bituminous parking on City owned property;
    - iii. Address canopy removal;
    - iv. Access road will be aligned to modify with this intersection of South 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street.
  - b. All mortgagee(s) of record will join in execution of the plat.
  - c. All easements of record being clearly identified on the plat.
  - d. Developer installing a sidewalk as contained in their application no later than November 2026.
  - e. All items identified by WHKS in correspondence dated January 26, 2026.
  - f. The City will allow a curb cut at 401 South Oak Street. Any utility relocation will be at applicant's expense.
4. The applicant will submit plat to MNDOT for review and comment before approval of final plat.
5. The applicant/developer will abide by all representations made by the applicant/developer or their agents made during the permitting process, to the extent those representations were not negated by the Planning Commission or City Council and to the extent they are not inconsistent with the spirit or explicit conditions of the conditional use permit.
6. That the applicant/developer comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
7. Additional easements required by private utility companies, if any, should be platted. All proposed utility conduit crossings must be shown on the final plans. All related private utility fees shall be paid by the Developer.
8. No sitework will begin until approval and reordering of the final plat.

**Findings:**

1. The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner permitted by the Zoning Ordinance
2. The request is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and consistent with the comprehensive plan.
3. The basic layout is acceptable.
4. The proposed development is consistent with the general vision for the City.
5. 401 Oak Street South was rezoned commercial by the city in 2010.
6. The access road design is compliant with Minnesota Fire Code. Applicant has conducted a traffic study by a licensed engineer. The traffic study has been reviewed and approved by the city engineer.

Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY COULEE REGION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TO COMBINE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 318 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, 309 SOUTH OAK STREET, AND AN UNADDRESSED PARCEL IN BETWEEN INTO ONE PARCEL TO ADD AN ACCESS ROAD OFF OAK STREET BASED ON THE PRESENTED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.3 – 2025 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed the 2025 Police Department Annual Report with City Council. This item was informational only. No action was required.

**ITEM 3.4 – MESSAGE TO CITY COUNCIL – VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE POLICE CHIEF**

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council a message from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager and a vote of no confidence by the officers in the Police Department. Mr. Waller then reviewed a memo he wrote to City Council regarding a recognition of the Police Chief by the Police Officers that took place at the November 25, 2024, City Council meeting. Mr. Waller concluded his memo by stating that he supports Luke Ahlschlager as the City’s Chief of Police. It was recommended that City Council authorize Mayor Poellinger to meet with the Police Department to review the vote of no confidence. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR POELLINGER TO MEET WITH THE LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 – OPTION AGREEMENT – PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council an Option Agreement and memorandum between Fruit Acres, Inc. and the City of La Crescent to purchase a 40-acre bluffland property. The 40-acre property abuts the City’s north end park. Acquisition of the property would create an approximately 70-acre protected bluffland park. If the Option Agreement is approved the City will be using the \$50,000 donation from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation and the \$50,000 donation from the Paul E. Stry Foundation as a match for the MnDNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program. If the Option Agreement is approved, then the plan would be to apply for the MnDNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant program in early 2026. The MnDNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant funding, if awarded, would cover up to 50 % of the appraised value of the property. The City would look for additional state grants and private foundation funding for the additional matching funds for the MnDNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant. A map of the property and its relation to the existing north end park was included. It was recommended that City Council approve the Option Agreement between Fruit Acres, Inc. and the City of La Crescent. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRUIT ACRES, INC. AND THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT TO PURCHASE 40-ACRES OF BLUFFLAND PROPERTY THAT ABUTS THE CITY’S NORTH END PARK UTILIZING THE \$50,000 DONATION FROM THE CARL AND VERNA SCHMIDT FOUNDATION AND THE \$50,000 DONATION FROM THE PAUL E. STRY FOUNDATION AS A MATCH FOR THE MNDNR NATURAL AND SCENIC AREA GRANT APPLICATION.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 – AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – PROPERTY APPRAISAL**

Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council an appraisal from Brad McNally with True Footage in the amount of \$500 for appraising the Fruit Acres, Inc. 40-acre property discussed in item 3.5. The cost for the appraisal would be covered by the funds donated by the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation and the Paul E. Stry Foundation. If the appraisal comes in higher than the price specified in the Option Agreement the difference can be used as a match for the MnDNR Natural and Scenic Area Grant. Following discussion, Member Willimas made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE \$500 FOR AN APPRAISAL ESTIMATE BY BRAD MCNALLY WITH TRUE FOOTAGE FOR APPRAISING THE FRUIT ACRES, INC. 40-ACRE BLUFFLAND PROPERTY WITH THE COST BEING COVERED BY FUNDS DONATED BY THE CARL AND VERNA SCHMIDT FOUNDATION AND THE PAUL E. STRY FOUNDATION.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 – 2026 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Public Works Directory Tyler Benish reviewed the 2026 Water Department budget with City Council. The Water Department budget revenue reflects a five percent (5%) water rate increase, a \$1.50 increase to 5/8-inch meter size fixed fee and a \$1.00 increase to all other meter size fixed fees. The Water Department expenses include an increase to the wells; water mains; pumps budget line for a project to replace two 12-inch check-valves on the inflow and outflow mains of the Stoney Point reservoir. Additional increases include staff wages and chemical costs. The Water Department will have a new debt from the water main replacement on Walnut Street. Chemical costs have increased by twelve percent (12%) since 2023. The Water Department has over \$300,000 in deferred maintenance and approximately \$150,000 in updates and maintenance needs in the next five years. The water utility fund balance and cash flow are considered for the bond rating. The current rates and cash flow may negatively affect the 2026 bond rating. It was recommended that City Council approve the 2026 Water Department budget effective April 1, 2026. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS STATED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.8 – 2026 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Department budget with City Council. The Sewer Department budget revenue reflects a change in the fixed fee from \$70.37 per unit to \$100.00 per unit and an additional sewer charge increase of \$0.02 per 1,000 gallons over 30,000 in the Spring Quarter. There is also a proposed increase in 2027 from \$100.00 per unit to \$115.00 per unit. The Sewer Department expenses include an increase to the contracted services for wastewater treatment provided by the City of La Crosse, and staff wages. The wastewater contract with La Crosse has increased from \$2,365.00 per million gallons in 2022 to \$3,829.85 per million gallons in 2026. That is an increase of

sixty-two percent (62%). The City of La Crescent sent 98,295,851 gallons to La Crosse in 2025, and 101,288,796 gallons in 2024. The agreement with La Crosse expires in 2041. The Sewer Utility fund balance and cash flow are considered for the bond rating. The current rates and cash flow may negatively affect the 2026 bond rating. It was recommended that City Council approve the 2026 Sewer Department budget, effective April 1, 2026. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 SEWER BUDGET AS STATED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026, WITH AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE TO THE FIXED FEE PER UNIT IN 2027.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.9 – AMEND FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE**

City Council reviewed Ordinance No. 596 amending the 2026 Master Fee Schedule which includes the 2026 and 2027 Water/Sewer rates as well as the 2026 rates for Pine Creek Golf Course. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following ordinance and moved its passage and adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 596**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES NO. 404, NO. 438, NO. 448, NO. 459, NO. 483, NO. 492, NO. 500, NO. 540, NO. 542, NO. 544, NO. 545, NO. 548, NO. 552, NO. 554, NO. 557, NO. 564, NO. 565, NO. 566, NO. 569, NO. 571, NO. 579, NO. 583, No. 590, and NO. 595**

The City Council of the City of La Crescent, Houston County, Minnesota hereby ordains:

1. The La Crescent City Code established on March 8, 2004, stated that certain fees may be set from time to time by the City Council.

2. The La Crescent City Code was amended on January 28, 2008, January 12, 2009, January 11, 2010, January 13, 2014, February 9, 2015, February 8, 2016, February 24, 2020, April 13, 2020, April 27, 2020, May 18, 2020, December 14, 2020, April 20, 2021, and December 13, 2021, December 19, 2022, February 13, 2023, April 24, 2023, June 26, 2023, July 24, 2023, and December 11, 2023 by Ordinance to amend certain fees.

3. The Fee Schedule has been reviewed by City Staff and amended each year from 2016 to 2024 by Motions passed by City Council. These amendments passed by City Council shall remain in effect.

4. The City staff has reviewed the fees which the City currently charges and is recommending that the fee schedule be amended as follows:

**GOLF**

2026 SEASON PASSES – GOOD ANYTIME REQUIRES TEE TIME (ON A 1 <sup>ST</sup> COME BASIS)	
FAMILY – (2 ADULTS AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 17)	\$650.00
SINGLE	\$460.00
SINGLE WITH CAR	\$775.00
COUPLES WITH CAR (2 ADULTS SAME RESIDENCE)	\$1,000.00
GOLF CAR TRAIL PASS	\$140.00 (FOR USE OF PERSONAL RIDING CAR FOR THE SEASON)
<i>\$9.00 PER PERSON CAR RENTAL (\$5.00 for additional round)/PLAY AT RECIPROCAL COURSES*/SEASON PASSES MAY BE USED FOR LEAGUE PLAY &amp; GROUP OUTING DISCOUNTS WHEN SPECIFIED/NO ADDITIONAL COST TO RIDE ALONE/ \$2.00 Pull Cart Rental</i>	
2026 DAILY FEES	
9 HOLES	\$17.00
18 HOLES	\$24.00 OR \$37.00 W/RIDING CAR
RIDING CAR	\$11.00 PER PERSON PER 9 HOLES/RIDE ALONE \$14.00 PER PERSON PER 9 HOLES.
PULL CARTS	\$5.00
TRAIL PASS	\$8.00 (DAILY RATE FOR USE OF PERSONAL CAR, WITHOUT SEASON TRAIL PASS)
SENIOR (60+)	
9 HOLES	\$15.00

18 HOLES – WEEKDAY	\$21.00 OR \$34.00 W/RIDING CAR
JUNIOR RATES – 11-17 YEARS	
9 HOLES	\$8.00
18 HOLES – EVERY DAY	\$10.00 - MAY RIDE FREE WITH PAID ADULT
JUNIOR RATE (10 AND UNDER)	
9 HOLES – FOR 9 HOLES WITH PAID ADULT, & RIDE FOR FREE WITH PAID ADULT	\$5.00
PUNCH CARDS	
5 ROUND GOLF ONLY \$75.00/10 ROUND GOLF ONLY \$135.00	
5 PUNCH CAR \$50.00*/10 PUNCH CAR \$90.00*	
5 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$125.00*/10 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$220.00*	
<b>LEAGUE ONLY CARDS</b> —SENIOR 10 ROUND GOLF \$80.00/SENIOR 10 PUNCH PLAY & RIDE \$150.00*	
6 ROUND MEN’S, LADIES LEAGUE \$55.00/6 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$100.00*	
<b>LEAGUE ONLY CARDS</b> —SENIOR 10 ROUND GOLF \$80.00/SENIOR 10 PUNCH PLAY & RIDE \$150.00*	
6 ROUND MEN’S, LADIES LEAGUE \$55.00/6 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$100.00*	
LEAGUE RATES	
SENIOR LEAGUE \$9.00 9 HOLES/\$10.00 RIDING CAR	
MENS, LADIES \$10.00 9 HOLES/\$10.00 RIDING CAR	
COUPLES LEAGUE \$9.00 PER PERSON 9 HOLES/\$10.00 PER PERSON RIDING CAR	
<b><i>DISCOUNTS FOR GROUP OR COMPANY OUTING – GROUP CATERING AVAILABLE</i></b>	
*RECIPROCAL COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, MUST CALL FOR TEE TIMES, AND RECIPROCAL COURSE RESTRICTIONS.	
*PUNCH PLUS \$3.00 WHEN RIDING ALONE USING A RIDING CAR PUNCH CARD	

**SANITARY SEWER**

SANITARY SEWER	2026
Wastewater hookup fee	\$1,255.00
City of La Crosse Connection Fee	\$730.00 per Residential Equivalent Connection (“REC”). Multifamily residential property shall have the number of REC

	equal to the number of dwelling units. Each nonresidential property is assigned RECs based upon estimated usage compared to that of an average residential user. For each new non-residential connection, the City Engineer will prepare a usage estimate, to be approved by the City of La Crosse.
Rates	See below

		<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE 2027</b> Effective 1/1/27	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE 2027</b>
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>					
rate code #14	5/8"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #15	3/4"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #16	1"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #17	1 1/4"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #18	1 1/2"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #19	2"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #20	3"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #21	4"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #22	6"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #23	8"	\$100	.35/thous.	\$115	.35/thous.
rate code #38	sewer only	\$100	.00	\$115	.00
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THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL SEWER CHARGE IF SPRING QUARTER IS OVER 30,000 GALLONS

		<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE 2027</b> Effective 1/1/27	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE 2027</b>
<b><u>Residential:</u></b>					
rate code #1	5/8"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.

		<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE</b> Effective 4/1/26	<b>SEWER MIN. CHARGE 2027</b> Effective 1/1/27	<b>ADD'L SEWER CHARGE 2027</b>
rate code #2	¾"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #3	1"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #4	1 ¼"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #5	1 ½"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #6	2"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #7	3"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #8	4"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #9	6"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #10	8"	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #11	metered wells	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #12	sewer only	\$100	.28/thous.	\$115	.28/thous.
rate code #25	2 units	\$200	.28/thous.	\$230	.28/thous.
rate code #27	3 units	\$300	.28/thous.	\$345	.28/thous.
rate code #31	4 units	\$400	.28/thous.	\$460	.28/thous.
rate code #28	5 units	\$500	.28/thous.	\$575	.28/thous.
rate code #34	6 units	\$600	.28/thous.	\$690	.28/thous.
rate code #36	8 units	\$800	.28/thous.	\$920	.28/thous.
rate code #35	10 units	\$1,000	.28/thous.	\$1,150	.28/thous.
rate code #30	12 units	\$1,200	.28/thous.	\$1,380	.28/thous.
rate code #33	16 units	\$1,600	.28/thous.	\$1,840	.28/thous.
rate code #32	20 units	\$2,000	.28/thous.	\$2,300	.28/thous.
rate code #29	34 units	\$3,400	.28/thous.	\$3,910	.28/thous.

THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL SEWER CHARGE IF SPRING QUARTER IS OVER 30,000 GALLONS

### WATER

<b>WATER</b>	<b>2026</b>
Water hookup fee	\$1,000.00
Pressure reducer valves – charge is price city pays per invoice from manufacturer	Charge would be rate the city is charged to purchase the pressure-reducing valve. This charge will fluctuate.
MXU charge (new construction)	\$165.00– this is the rate the city is presently charged to purchase the remote reader. This charge will fluctuate.

Reconnection fee (for non-payment of water bill)	\$30.00
Water Meter Replacement	Property owners <b>that refuse</b> to give the City access to their water meter or fail to respond after receiving notification to change out a water meter when necessary will be charged \$50.00/Month, until access is allowed.
Hydrant use -	Minimum \$20.00 or \$15.00 being charged per thousand gallons (Minimum charge excluding sales tax). Commercial water sales are taxable.
Rates	See pages 21 and 22.

WATER USAGE	RATE Effective 4/1/2026	RATE Effective 1/1/2027
0-5,000 GALLONS	\$7.28/THOUS. GAL.	\$8.05/THOUS. GAL.
5,001 – 10,000 GALLONS	\$8.69/THOUS. GAL.	\$9.13/THOUS. GAL.
10,001 – 25,000 GALLONS	\$8.75/THOUS. GAL.	\$9.18/THOUS. GAL.
25,001 – 35,000 GALLONS	\$8.80/THOUS. GAL.	\$9.24/THOUS. GAL.
> 35,000 GALLONS	\$9.01/THOUS. GAL.	\$9.46/THOUS. GAL.
RESIDENTIAL SEWER	MINIMUM \$100 ADD'L \$0.28 CENTS PER THOUS. GAL. OF WTR (> 30,000 GAL.) USED IN SPRING QTR.	MINIMUM \$115 ADD'L \$0.28 CENTS PER THOUS. GAL. OF WTR (>30,000 GAL.) USED IN SPRING QTR
COMMERCIAL SEWER	MINIMUM \$100 ADD'L \$0.35 CENTS PER THOUS. GAL. OF WTR (>30,000 GAL.) USED IN SPRING QTR.	MINIMUM \$115 ADD'L \$0.35 CENTS PER THOUS. GAL. OF WTR (>30,000 GAL.) USED IN SPRING QTR.

		FIXED WATER FEE Effective 4/1/2026	FIXED WATER FEE Effective 1/1/2027
<b>Commercial</b>			
rate code #14	5/8"	\$4.50	\$5.50
rate code #15	3/4"	\$11.50	\$12.50
rate code #16	1"	\$22.00	\$23.00
rate code #17	1 1/4"	\$32.50	\$33.50

		<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 4/1/2026</b>	<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 1/1/2027</b>
rate code #18	1 ½"	\$43.00	\$44.00
rate code #19	2"	\$69.25	\$70.25
rate code #20	3"	\$85.00	\$86.00
rate code #21	4"	\$106.00	\$107.00
rate code #22	6"	\$137.50	\$138.50
rate code #23	8"	\$169.00	\$170.00
rate code #24	metered wells	\$8.35	\$9.35
rate code #26	fire protection	\$8.35	\$9.35
rate code #37	1" greenhouse	\$22.00	\$23.00
rate code #38	sewer only	00.00	00.00
governmental			

		<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 4/1/2026</b>	<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 1/1/2027</b>
<b><u>Residential:</u></b>			
rate code #1	5/8"	\$4.50	\$5.50
rate code #2	¾"	\$11.50	\$12.50
rate code #3	1"	\$22.00	\$23.00
rate code #4	1 ¼"	\$32.50	\$33.50
rate code #5	1 ½"	\$43.00	\$44.00
rate code #6	2"	\$69.25	\$70.25
rate code #7	3"	\$85.00	\$86.00
rate code #8	4"	\$106.00	\$107.00
rate code #9	6"	\$137.50	\$138.50
rate code #10	8"	\$169.00	\$170.00
rate code #11	metered wells	\$8.35	\$9.35
rate code #12	sewer only	0.00	0.00
rate code #25	2 units	\$5.20	\$6.20
rate code #27	3 units	\$7.30	\$8.30
rate code #31	4 units	\$9.40	\$10.40
rate code #28	5 units	\$11.50	\$12.50
rate code #34	6 units	\$13.60	\$14.60
rate code #36	8 units	\$17.80	\$18.80

		<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 4/1/2026</b>	<b>FIXED WATER FEE Effective 1/1/2027</b>
rate code #35	10 units	\$22.00	\$23.00
rate code #30	12 units	\$26.20	\$27.20
rate code #33	16 units	\$34.60	\$35.60
rate code #32	20 units	\$43.00	\$44.00
rate code #29	34 units	\$72.40	\$73.40

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The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken by the Public Works Director, the following Members vote in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION THAT A PRÉCIS FORMAT OF SAID ORDINANCE 596 BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY AND WITH “OFFICIAL COPY” SO MARKED BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 – GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION**

City Council reviewed a gambling permit application for ABLE, Inc. to hold a raffle on April 10, 2026, 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 Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch to forward the application to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION FROM ABLE, INC. TO HOLD A RAFFLE ON APRIL 10, 2026, AT THE LA CRESCENT AREA EVENT CENTER AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHRIS FORTSCH TO FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 – CALL FOR SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Administrator Bill Waller recommended that City Council call for a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm, at the La Crescent Community Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to announce the finalists for the City Administrator’s position, review the process for conducting the interviews, and call for a Special City Council meeting at 2:00 pm, on Monday March 2, 2026, at the La Crescent Community Building. The purpose of the meeting on March 2nd will be to conduct interviews of the finalists for the position. Following discussion it was recommended to change the meeting time on March 2, 2026, to 2:30 pm. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 5:00 PM, AT THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR PURPOSES OF ANNOUNCING THE FINALISTS FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION, REVIEW THE PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS, AND CALL FOR A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AT 2:30 PM ON MONDAY MARCH 2, 2026, AT THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY BUILDING TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS OF THE FINALISTS.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 3.12 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Personnel Committee had the following recommendations for consideration by the City Council:

1. The City Council reviewed the memo and meeting minutes from the December 8, 2025, City Council meeting regarding the step increase for City Clerk Angie Boettcher. The memo has Ms. Boettcher moving from step 3 to step 4, but the minutes have Ms. Boettcher moving from step 2 to step 3 in the salary schedule. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the minutes of the December 8, 2025, be amended to reflect that effective January 23, 2026, Ms. Boettcher be moved from step 3 to step 4 in the salary schedule for the position. Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

**MOTION TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 8, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES TO REFLECT THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23, 2026, THAT CITY CLERK ANGIE BOETTCHER BE MOVED FROM STEP 3 TO STEP 4 IN THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE POSITION.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

2. On March 10, 2026, Josh Tarrence will have completed his twelve-month probationary period as the La Crescent Fire Chief. The Personnel Committee is recommending that effective March 10, 2026, Mr. Tarrence’s probationary status be removed and that he be classified as a regular City of La Crescent Employee. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO REMOVE JOSH TARRENCE’S PROBATIONARY STATUS AS THE LA CRESCENT FIRE CHIEF AND THAT EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2026, MR. TARRENCE BE CLASSIFIED AS A REGULAR CITY OF LA CRESCENT EMPLOYEE.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

3. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council accept Abby Kerska’s resignation from the La Crescent Fire Department effective February 2, 2026, and Zach Zolondek’s resignation from the La Crescent Fire Department effective January 21, 2026. A letter from the Fire Chief regarding the recommendation was included. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

**MOTION TO ACCEPT ABBY KERSKA’S RESIGNATION FROM THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2026, AND ZACK ZOLENDECK’S RESIGNATION FROM THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 2026.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

4. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council appoint Diane Palm to fill the current vacancy on the City's Park & Recreation Commission. Ms. Palm is active with the Friends of the Library, Healthy Community Partnership, and the La Crescent Food Shelf. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO APPOINT DIANE PALM TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCY ON THE CITY'S PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chamber of Commerce representative Jon Wilson was in attendance and provided 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 Jostad to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Public Works Director, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	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 5:46 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: February 23, 2026

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator