

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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 10, 2025.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Cheryl 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, Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager, Corporal Roth Clark, Police Officer Josh DeBoer, and City Clerk Angie Boettcher.

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 27, 2025
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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 City Clerk, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cheryl 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 – 2024 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager presented City Council with the 2024 Police Department Report. This was informational only; no action was taken.

ITEM 3.2 – CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL MARDI GRAS EVENT

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Ahlschlager regarding the Crucifixion School organizing its annual Mardi Gras Event to be held on Monday, March 3, 2025. The school reached out to the La Crescent Police Department requesting a donation prize of a “Ride to School” with a police officer. Chief Ahlschlager requests the City Council approve the donation request. Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DONATE A “RIDE TO SCHOOL” WITH A POLICE OFFICER AS A PRIZE FOR THE CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL MARDI GRAS EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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 – DONATION RESOLUTION – AED

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Investigator Darin Daveau stating that the La Crescent Police Department applied for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the summer of 2023 from the Minnesota Recycle/Reuse initiative program, headed by the Center for Resuscitation Medicine at the University of Minnesota. The Police Department was awarded an AED in January of 2025 to be used in the City of La Crescent community. It was recommended that City Council accept the donation via Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-25-07

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF AN AED TO THE CITY OF
LA CRESCENT**

WHEREAS, the following donation was made to the City of La Crescent:

The Minnesota Recycle/Reuse initiative program, headed by the Center for Resuscitation Medicine at the University of Minnesota wishes to donate an AED to be used in the City of La Crescent Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby accepts the donation as stated above.

ADOPTED this 10th Day of February 2025.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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 3.4 – DONATION RESOLUTION – FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Council reviewed a letter from interim Fire Chief Josh Tarrence stating that city resident Colin Luz owner of Stoneworks Sign & Monument would like to donate a stone monument (worth \$1,800) to be placed outside of the fire station on South 1st Street to show their appreciation to local firefighters. It was

recommended that City Council accept the donation via Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member Williams introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-25-08

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A STONE MONUMENT TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT FOR THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the following donation was made to the City of La Crescent:

Colin Luz from Stoneworks Sign & Monument would like to donate a stone monument worth \$1800.00 commemorating the La Crescent Fire Department to be installed on South 1st Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby accepts the donations as stated above.

ADOPTED this 10th Day of February 2025.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Langen and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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 – RESOLUTION – HOUSTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed the final Houston County Hazard Mitigation Plan with City Council. It was recommended that City Council adopt the plan via Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

Resolution No. 02-25-09

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOUSTON COUNTY 2024 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the city council of La Crescent, Minnesota recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of La Crescent; and

WHEREAS, Houston County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Houston County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of La Crescent from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the city council of La Crescent demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Houston County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the city council of La Crescent adopts the Houston County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to the City of La Crescent may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the City of La Crescent to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

ADOPTED this 10th Day of February 2025.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Langen and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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 – REVIEW CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE

City Attorney Skip Wieser provided City Council with an update of the implementation of the Camping in Public Places Ordinance that was adopted by Council in 2024. To date the Police Department has had one encounter with an individual. The individual was informed of the Ordinance and was provided with Community Resource information. The individual left without incident. This item was informational only; no action was taken.

ITEM 3.7 – NOTICE OF PAY EQUITY COMPLIANCE

City Council reviewed a letter from Finance Director Kara Tarrence regarding the Pay Equity Report that the City is required to provide the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Management and Budget Pay Equity Office with every three years. The report was submitted before the required date of January 31st, and the City received notification of compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act. This was informational only; no action was taken.

ITEM 3.8 – GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION

City Clerk Angie Boettcher reviewed with City Council a temporary gambling permit application from ISD 300 Foundation requesting a raffle to be held on September 21, 2025, at the La Crescent-Hokah High School. The application appears to be in order, and it was recommended that City Council approve the application and authorize that it be forwarded to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE ISD 300 FOUNDATION TO HOLD A RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, AT THE LA CRESCENT-HOKAH HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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.

6. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- 6.1
- 6.2

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 Langen to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, 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 5:22 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: _____.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator