

MINUTES, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
APRIL 21, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special City Council of the City of La Crescent was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Cherryl Jostad, Chris Langen, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Mayor Mike Poellinger, and Member Dale Williams arrived at 5:04 pm. Members absent: None. Also present were, City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, Attorney Kayla Schmitz, and City Clerk Angie Boettcher.

**ITEM 4**

Mayor Poellinger addressed this agenda item and requested a motion to close this meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for purposes of preserving attorney-client privilege and discussing in a confidential matter with City Attorney active litigation in the matter of Gregory M. Meinertz, Rebecca M. Wolf v. Town of La Crescent, a/k/a La Crescent Township, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, City of La Crescent, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, Houston County Case No. 28-CV-24-518. At 5:04 PM Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad, as follows:

**A MOTION TO CLOSE THIS MEETING PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE SECTION 13D.05, SUBD. 3(B) FOR PURPOSES OF PRESERVING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND DISCUSSING IN A CONFIDENTIAL MATTER WITH CITY ATTORNEY ACTIVE LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY M. MEINERTZ, REBECCA M. WOLF V. TOWN OF LA CRESCENT, A/K/A LA CRESCENT TOWNSHIP, A MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, A MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, HOUSTON COUNTY CASE NO. 28-CV-24-518.**

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.

City Council went into Closed Session.

At 5:45 PM, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen, as follows:

**MOTION TO END CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE 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.

The Closed Session ended and City Council resumed the agenda.

Upon reconvening the meeting, City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council that because this case is currently in formal litigation it should not be discussed with any interested parties that may reach out to them regarding the case, instead refer those individuals to City Administrator Bill Waller. City Attorney request authorization from the Council to join La Crescent Township (Dual Representation) in dismissing the lawsuit and to have Iverson Reuvers to represent the City. City Attorney will continue to be involved with Iverson Reuvers on behalf of the City.

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

**MOTION TO DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO JOIN THE LA CRESCENT TOWNSHIP IN THE REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL OF THE CASE.**

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.

A motion was recommended authorizing Attorney Wieser to engage the Iverson Reuvers firm at \$277 per hour for partner time and \$245 per hour for associate time to assist as necessary as the case moves forward.

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

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY TO HIRE IVERSON REUVERS AT \$277 PER HOUR FOR PARTNER TIME AND \$245 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATE TIME TO REPRESENT CITY IN PENDING LITIGATION (HOUSTON COUNTY CASE NO. 28-CV-24-518).**

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.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Williams 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 5:47 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: April 28, 2025

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator