

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
MAY 13, 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 May was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Cherryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Member Dale Williams arrived at 5:03 pm. Members absent: Ryan Hutchinson. Also present were, City Attorney Skip Wieser, Public Works Director Tyler Benish, City Engineer Tim Hruska (via Zoom), Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson, and City Clerk Angie Boettcher.

Also present were Library Director Jess Witkins, La Crescent Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager, and Police Corporal Roth Clark.

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 – APRIL 22, 2024
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – MAY 10, 2024

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 Jostad, 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;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.1 – 2023 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

City of La Crescent Library Director, Jess Witkins reviewed the 2023 Library Report with City Council. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.2 – LIBRARY – SUMMER READING PROGRAM REQUEST

Library Director Jess Witkins requested approval from City Council for use of the City lot behind the library as well as the City parking lot on Friday, July 26, 2024, from approximately 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm to host a Family Fun Night “Lot Party” with the La Crescent Community Building as an alternate site in case of rain. Ms. Witkins is also requesting partial closure of the alleyway to ensure community safety and access to the library building for restrooms and services, use of fifteen (15) picnic tables, large garbage bins, outdoor extension cords & power strips as needed. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LA CRESCENT LIBRARY THE USE OF THE CITY LOT AND PARKING LOT LOCATED BEHIND THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024 FROM APPROXIMATELY 12:00 PM TO 9:00 PM TO HOST A FAMILY FUN NIGHT “LOT PARTY” WITH THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY BUILDING AS AN ALTERNATE SITE IN CASE OF RAIN ALONG WITH PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE ALLEYWAY TO ENSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY RESTROOMS, FIFTEEN PICNIC TABLES, LARGE GARBAGE BINS, AND OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORDS AND POWER STRIPS.

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

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 – SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS

City of La Crescent Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager requested City Council approve the establishment of a School Speed Zone around the four schools in the City. A School Speed Zone is a designated area where school speed limits shall be in effect when children are present, going to, or leaving school during opening or closing hours or school recess periods. City Engineer Tim Hruska was in attendance (via Zoom) to answer any questions. The proposed School Speed Zone would extend from the following:

La Crescent-Hokah Elementary School

- South Oak Street (north & south) from South 4th Street to South 6th Street covering approximately 872 feet.

- South Elm Street (north & south) from South 4th Street to South 6th Street covering approximately 872 feet.
- South 4th Street (east & west) from South Oak to South Elm Street covering approximately 475 feet.
- South 6th Street (east & west) from South Oak to South Elm Street covering approximately 475 feet.

La Crescent-Middle/High School

- Lancer Blvd (north & south) from South 12th Street to South 14th Street covering approximately 857 feet.
- South 14th Street (east & west) from Lancer Blvd. to Spruce Drive covering approximately 1,381 feet.

Crucifixion School

- South Oak Street from the South 3rd Street alley north to South 1st Street covering approximately 450 feet.
- South Elm Street from the South 3rd Street alley north to South 1st Street covering approximately 450 feet.

La Crescent Montessori School

- South 11th Street to South 14th Street covering approximately 1,109 feet on South Oak Street (north & south).

The La Crescent Police Department has been working with the Houston County Engineer and the Houston County Commissioners to be able to implement the school zones on Elm Street.

The recommended speed limit within the designated zones is as follows:

School Zone Speed Limit: The speed limit should be reduced to 20 miles per hour “*when children are present*”. This speed reduction will allow motorists ample time to react to potential hazards and ensure a safer environment for students and all pedestrians.

Speed Zone Signage: The school speed limit shall be effective upon the erection of appropriate signs (when children are present) designating the speed and indicating the beginning and end of the reduced speed zone. Any speed over such posted school speed limit is unlawful. Signs will be placed by the local authorities on those streets and highways under their respective jurisdictions and by the commissioner of transportation on trunk highways.

Awareness Campaign: A comprehensive awareness campaign should be initiated in collaboration with the school administration, local media, and community organizations. This campaign will educate residents and motorists about the importance of the School Speed Zone and the need to exercise caution around our schools.

Enforcement: It is vital to rigorously enforce the School Speed Zone to ensure compliance with the reduced speed limit. Patrol officers will actively monitor the area during school hours to deter speeding and ensure compliance with the reduced speed limit.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL SPEED ZONES AROUND THE FOUR SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE CITY AS PROPOSED TO BE IN EFFECT WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT, GOING TO, OR LEAVING SCHOOL DURING OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS OR SCHOOL RECESS PERIODS.

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

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 3.4 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council reviewed the following recommendations for approval from the Personnel Committee:

1. The Personnel Committee recommends that the City Council accept Kaylee Inglett's resignation as a Police Officer effective July 25, 2024. A letter from the Police Chief regarding this recommendation was included.
2. The Personnel Committee recommends that the City Council authorize advertising for a Police Officer to fill Officer Inglett's vacancy, with a hiring recommendation to be presented at a future City Council Meeting.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER KAYLEE INGLETT EFFECTIVE JULY 25, 2024, AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR A POLICE OFFICER TO FILL OFFICER INGLETT'S VACANCY, WITH A HIRING RECOMMENDATION BEING PRESENTED AT A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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

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 3.5 – REQUEST TO CLOSE ALLEY – 31 SOUTH WALNUT STREET

Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval a request from Bryce Nolop to close the alley and sidewalk adjacent to the property at 31 South Walnut Street for redevelopment. Demolition and construction will be in the alley and the sidewalk will need to be removed to connect the utilities and install footings. The closure would begin May 29th and is anticipated to end August 23rd, 2024. The Police and Fire Departments have reviewed the request and are agreeable to closing the alley. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF THE ALLEY AND SIDEWALK ADJACENT TO THE NOLOP PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31 SOUTH WALNUT STREET FOR REDEVELOPMENT INCLUDING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE ALLEY AND SIDEWALK WITH THE CLOSURE BEGINNING MAY 29TH AND ENDING AROUND AUGUST 23RD, 2024.

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

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 3.6 - NATIONAL BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council for approval a proclamation recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month in the City of La Crescent. The proclamation was amended prior to the meeting due to an error. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MAY 2024 NATIONAL BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

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

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 3.7 - CHARGING SMART SILVER DESIGNATION

City Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson presented City Council with the Charging Smart Silver designation award. Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Charging Smart offers free technical assistance to help local governments adopt policies, practices, and incentives that exemplify recognized best practices for enabling efficient and equitable EV charger expansion. La Crescent and Hopkins MN are the first cities in Minnesota to receive the Charging Smart Silver designation. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.8 – RESOLUTION – MN GREENCORPS HOST SITE

City Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson gave an overview of the Minnesota GreenCorp program and recommended that City Council approve an application Resolution for the City of La Crescent to be a host site for the Minnesota Greencorps. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-24-16

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF LA
CRESCENT TO BE A HOST SITE FOR THE MINNESOTA
GREENCORPS**

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2024-2025 program year; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects the City of La Crescent, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with the pre-scoped position description; and

WHEREAS, the MPCA requires that the City of La Crescent enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles, and responsibilities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution 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
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.9 – SALT STORAGE ORDINANCE

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval a Salt Storage Ordinance along with findings supporting the Ordinance. The City of La Crescent has a permit that is authorized by the Minnesota Pollution control Agency (MPCA) to discharge stormwater. The City has had a permit since 2002 and has had renewals in 2006, 2013, and 2020. The City of La Crescent is required to obtain an MS4 permit because the community is included in the La Crosse Metropolitan Planning area. The permit has become more restrictive and has more requirements with every renewal. The latest permit requires the City to have a mechanism to regulate the proper storage of salt. Following discussion Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following Ordinance and moved its passage and adoption:

CITY OF LA CRESCENT ORDINANCE NO. 582

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA CONCERNING THE BULK STORAGE OF DEICING CHEMICALS

The City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby ordains:

SECTION I. SMART SALT TRAINING FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONALS. Individuals and businesses engaged in the operation of a winter maintenance business for the private operation of a snowplowing service or the use of or storage of salt or other deicing materials, or to assist others in the same for the purpose of managing ice and snow from private roadways, parking areas and sidewalks and on commercial, industrial, institutional, office, multi-family and private single-family residential dwellings are encouraged to become a Smart Salt Certified Applicator.

SECTION II. DEICER STORAGE REQUIREMENTS. Proper salt storage practices are required at commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities in accordance with the effective Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The following requirements apply to all designated salt storage areas at commercial, industrial, and industrial facilities:

1. Salt storage areas must be fully covered or indoors.
2. Salt storage areas must be located on an impervious surface.
3. Practices must be implemented to reduce exposure when transferring material in designated salt storage areas (e.g., sweeping, diversions, and/or containment).

SECTION III. VIOLATION. A violation of this Ordinance is a petty misdemeanor subject to penalty not to exceed \$300.00.

PASSED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Williams. Following further discussion, the motion was withdrawn. City Council requested that City Attorney Skip Wieser include some additional language in section two of the ordinance clarifying bulk storage. The revised Ordinance will be brought back to a future City Council Meeting

ITEM 3.10 – SAND/SALT STORAGE FACILITY AGREEMENT – MnDOT

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval an agreement between the City of La Crescent and MnDOT to jointly share the maintenance facilities. The original agreement allowed MnDOT to use space in the City’s maintenance building; with the city being allowed to store salt and sand in MnDOT’s shed, along with additional covered storage. The contract will expire on 6/30/2030. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND MNDOT TO JOINTLY SHARE THE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

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

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 – SERVICE AGREEMENT – GENERATORS

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval an agreement to renew the service contract with Interstate Power Systems for yearly service and inspections on the City’s water and wastewater generators. The City has had an agreement with Interstate Power Systems for several years. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO RENEW THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS FOR YEARLY SERVICE AND INSPECTIONS ON THE CITY’S WATER AND WASTEWATER GENERATORS.

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

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 – 3.12 - RESOLUTION – REGIONAL SAFETY GROUP

City Council reviewed for authorization a Resolution for the City of La Crescent to enter into an agreement with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Regional Safety Group Initiative. The City of La Crescent continues to work on improving and expanding its employee safety program. The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust is recommending that the city join a Regional Safety Group. The existing group in Southeast Minnesota has agreed to allow the City of La Crescent to join the Bluff Country RSG. City Council recommended an amendment to the Resolution of removing the word “employees” from its title. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION 05-24-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST REGIONAL SAFETY GROUP INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59 authorizes governmental units by agreement of their governing bodies to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to them; and

WHEREAS, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has created the Regional Safety Group Initiative to offer training to cities/entities that form regional safety groups; and

WHEREAS, the City/Entity Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City/Entity to create a Regional Safety Group (“RSG”) formed by agreements of other cities/entities (the “Establishing Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Establishing Agreement allows the City/Entity to begin a new RSG upon adoption of a resolution agreeing to all terms of the Establishing Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of La Crescent, Minnesota:

- 1. Authorizes Mikel Poellinger, Mayor, and Angie Boettcher, City Clerk to sign this resolution evidencing the city/entity’s intent to become a member of the RSG; and
- 2. The City/Entity agrees to be bound by all the terms of the Establishing Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of La Crescent, by action of its governing body, caused this Resolution to be approved on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____
Mayor

And: _____
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
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM – 3.13 – SERVICE AGREEMENT – TODAYS TREE SERVICE

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council an agreement with Today's Tree Service, Inc. to grind and remove brush from the City's brush site. The contractor will haul the ground-up brush to Xcel Energy to be burned. The City does not have to compensate Today's Tree Service, Inc. for the work. The work will be done when the brush site is closed to the public. It was recommended that the City Council approve the independent contract agreement with Today's Tree Service. A copy of the agreement was included. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TODAY'S TREE SERVICE, INC. TO GRIND AND REMOVE BRUSH FROM THE CITY'S BRUS SITE AND HAUL IT TO XCEL ENERGY TO BE BURNED WITH NO COMPENSATION DUE FROM THE CITY TO THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

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

Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and Member Jostad voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 3-1 vote.

ITEM – 3.14 – AUTHORIZE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval the following capital expenditures:

1. The slides at the pool need repair; the gel coat and fiberglass on the inside of the slides have begun to

blister at the seams causing the slides to become rough and unsafe. The City has received a quote to repair the gel coat, fiberglass, and caulk the seams from Fischer Bros., LLC for \$12,800. Funds are available in the Aquatic Center budget to pay for the repairs. The repairs are anticipated to be completed by June 1st.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE FISCHER BROS., LLC TO REPAIR THE GEL COAT, FIBERGLASS, AND CAULK THE SEAMS OF THE SLIDES AT THE POOL FOR \$12,800 WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE AQUATIC CENTER BUDGET TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS WITH AN ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE BY JUNE 1ST.

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

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.

2. The 2022 Capital Equipment Certificate includes funds to purchase a new zero-turn mower to be used in the City's Public Works Department. The new mower will replace a 2010 zero-turn mower. It was recommended that City Council approve the purchase of a 2024 EXMARK from the State Equipment bid through Breyer's Sales and Service for \$23,279.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 EXMARK ZERO-TURN MOWER FROM THE STATE EQUIPMENT BID THROUGH BREYER'S SALES AND SERVICE FOR \$23,279 TO REPLACE A 2010 ZERO-TURN MOWER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDS INCLUDED IN THE 2022 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE.

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

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.

3. The purchase of a walk-behind floor scrubber from the state bid through Dalco for \$5,705.26 to be used at the Wieser Park Pavilion, Community Building, Fire Station, and other solid surface flooring. Funds are available in the 2022 Captial Equipment Certificate to purchase the floor scrubber.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A WALK-BEHIND FLOOR SCRUBBER FROM THE STATE BID THROUGH DALCO FOR \$5,705.26 TO BE USED AT THE WIESER PARK PAVILION, COMMUNITY BUILDING, FIRE STATION, AND OTHER SOLID SURFACE FLOORING WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE 2022 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE.

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

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 – 3.15 – AUTHORIZE SALE OF EQUIPMENT

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council for approval the sale of the following City-owned equipment:

Public Works

1. 2006 John Deere Z-Trak
2. 2010 John Deere Z-Trak
3. 2014 Hiniker V-Plow

Fire Department

1. Hydraulic cutter/spreader
2. Gas powered fan

Golf Course

1. 3 golf carts
2. 2003 1435 John Deere
3. Pull behind Gang Mower and parts.
4. Mete-r-Matic topdresser

The equipment will be listed on MNBid.mn.gov; the State of Minnesota's surplus auction website. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT AS SPECIFIED ON THE MNBID.MN.GOV, STATE OF MINNESOTA SURPLUS AUCTION WEBSITE.

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

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

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

ITEM – 3.16 – BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TRAFFIC COUNTS

City Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed the bicycle and pedestrian traffic count report from July 12th, 2023 to May 8th, 2024 for the Wagon Wheel Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM – 3.17 – DONATION RESOLUTION

City Council reviewed a Resolution regarding the acceptance of donations to the City for the month of April. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-24-18

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, the following donations were made to the City of La Crescent in the month of April 2024:

1. Steve and Maggie Vidaurri of La Crescent wish to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
2. Ed & Ruth Wieser wish to donate \$15.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
3. Martin & Kathleen Passe wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
4. Laurel & Mavis Millie wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
5. Tracy Brown wishes to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
6. Joe & Heidi Thesing wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
7. Bruce and Barb Grant wish to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.

8. John Poellinger wishes to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
9. Dale and Terri Williams wish to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
10. Susan Wilhelm wishes to donate \$10.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
11. Dorothy and Donald Murphy wish to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
12. Pat's Insurance Agency, Inc. wishes to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
13. Louise Hill wishes to donate \$40.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
14. John and Roberta Haugan wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
15. Charles and Lois Hund wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
16. Robert and Katy Langen wish to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
17. Joseph and Lisa Skemp wish to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
18. Darlene Erickson wishes to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
19. Vicky Yeiter wishes to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
20. Tim and Kathryn Ready wish to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
21. Miscellaneous cash donations in the amount of \$345.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
22. Betty Baier wishes to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
23. Brian and Kathy Wieser wish to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
24. Daniel and Cynthia Ellenz wish to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Donna Ready.
25. Employees of AcenTek wish to donate \$300.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
26. AcenTek – wishes to donate a company match of \$300.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.

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

ADOPTED this 13th Day of May 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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

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 – 3.18 – 2024 LICENSE RENEWAL

City Council reviewed a memo from City Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch requesting approval of a 2024 Gas Installers license renewal from Benedict Refrigeration Service, Inc. dba Benedict Sales & Service. The application appears to be in order and it was recommended City Council approve the license renewal. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 GAS INSTALLERS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BENEDICT REFRIGERATION SERVICE, INC. DBA BENEDICT SALES & SERVICE.

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

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 – 3.19 – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

City Council reviewed a memo from City Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch requesting approval of a temporary liquor license application for La Crescent Apple Festival, Inc. for September 20-22, 2024 at Abnet Field. 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 Department of Public Safety. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LA CRESCENT APPLE FESTIVAL, INC. FOR SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024 AT ABNET FIELD AND AUTHORIZE THAT THE APPLICATION BE FORWARDED TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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.

6. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 EXPLORE LA CROSSE

City Council reviewed the April 23, 2024, Explore La Crosse Board meeting agenda and the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

6.2 SOAK IT UP SIGNS – CITY PARKS

City Council reviewed information regarding the La Crosse Area Water Soak It Up Signs for Eagles Bluff/McIntosh rain garden and John S. Harris Park rain garden.

6.3 2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER

City Council reviewed the Summer/Spring 2024 issue of the City of La Crescent Newsletter.

8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

La Crescent Chamber of Commerce representative, Tammy Stremcha 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 City Clerk, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

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 5:49 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: _____.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator