

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
MAY 26, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second 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 Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

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, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were, City Administrator Cassie Hanan, Public Works Director Tyler Benish, City Attorney Skip Wieser, Finance Director Kara Tarrence, Fire Chief Josh Tarrence, 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 – MAY 11, 2026
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – MAY 22, 2026
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2026
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – APRIL 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 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 3.1 – ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 421 WALNUT PLACE

City Administrator Hanan and City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a proposed Amendment to the Purchase Agreement between the City of La Crescent (“Buyer”) and Matthew A. Olson (“Seller”) for the property located at 421 Walnut Place North. The amendment makes several clarifications and adjustments to the original agreement to support a smooth closing and transition of the property. Attorney Wieser provided the following potential findings to support the purchase of 421 Walnut Place:

1. The proposed acquisition of the subject property is consistent with the goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, which identifies the importance of guiding redevelopment, public investment, and land use decisions in a manner that promotes orderly growth, redevelopment, and community vitality.
2. The City Council finds that acquisition of the property supports implementation of the Comprehensive Plan objective to increase the frequency of successful infill and redevelopment projects that add value and increase the use of existing City parcels, particularly where public participation may be necessary to facilitate redevelopment or future public purposes.
3. The City Council further finds that public acquisition of strategically located property may be necessary where redevelopment or coordinated planning is unlikely to occur solely through private action.
4. The City Council finds that acquisition of the property will promote the public health, safety, and welfare by allowing the City to preserve, assemble, redevelop, or improve land in a manner consistent with the City’s adopted vision for efficient development.
5. The City Council finds that acquisition of the property supports the Comprehensive Plan policy of coordinating land use decisions with existing and planned public infrastructure, thereby promoting efficient delivery of municipal services and reducing the long-term cost of public improvements.
6. The City Council finds that public ownership of the property will provide flexibility for future implementation of Comprehensive Plan priorities, including economic development objectives.
7. The proposed purchase is in the best interest of the City because it provides the City with the ability to proactively plan for future municipal, redevelopment, economic development, transportation, housing, or other public purposes identified within the Comprehensive Plan and related planning documents.

It was recommended that City Council approve the Amendment to the purchase agreement, approve the recommended findings, authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the closing documents with a closing date of June 4, 2026, contingent on Planning Commission approval. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion seconded by Member Langen as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT (“BUYER) AND MATTHEW A. OLSON (“SELLER”) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 421 WALNUT PLACE NORTH, APPROVE THE FINDINGS, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS WITH A CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 4, 2026, CONTINGENT ON PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL.

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 3.2 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

1. That the City Council accept the resignations of Officer Darin Daveau, Eileen Krenz, and Dave Krenz from the Heart Safe Committee and appoint Officer Bryce Helke, Beth Theede (school district), and Brent Thesing (fire department). Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF OFFICER DARIN DAVEAU, EILEEN KRENZ, AND DAVE KRENZ FROM THE HEART SAFE COMMITTEE AND APPOINT OFFICER BRYCE HELKE, BETH THEEDE (SCHOOL DISTRICT), AND BRENT THESING (FIRE DEPARTMENT).

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.

2. That the City Council accept the resignation of City Clerk Angie Boettcher effective November 30, 2026. The City Administrator and Finance Director will work to update the job description and will bring a recommendation back to the City Council for posting the position. Budget adjustments may be necessary to allow time for training and replacement. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK ANGIE BOETTCHER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 2026, AND APPROVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR HANAN AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TARRENCE TO UPDATE THE CITY CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

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.

3. That the City Council accept the resignation of Investigator Tanner Weinfurtnner effective June 5, 2026, and advertise for a full-time police officer. Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF INVESTIGATOR TANNER WEINFURTNER EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2026, AND APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.

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 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (CANNABIS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) RELATED TO LOW POTENCY HEMP

City Attorney Wieser reviewed an amendment to Ordinance No. 587 with City Council. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council in December 2024 in response to the legalization of adult use cannabis in Minnesota. Prior to the enactment of Minnesota Adult Use Cannabis law, Low Potency Hemp Edibles (LPHEs) were regulated through a registration system headed by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy. This has now switched to the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management (OCM). Effective May 1, 2026, businesses selling LPHEs require to obtain a license issued by OCM under Minnesota Chapter 342 and also the City.

Changes include:

1. Cities cannot prohibit LPHE businesses or limit the number of retail registrations for LPHEs. This is different from the registration for cannabis retailers.
2. The City is required to do annual compliance checks.
3. The retail registration fee is \$125.00 per registration.

The amendment addresses the location of LPHEs by zoning district and imposes age and storage restrictions. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following Ordinance and moved its passage and adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 601

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 587 REGULATING CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA AND AUTHORIZING THE CONSECUTIVE RENUMBERING OF SUBSEQUENT SUBSECTIONS

The City Council of the City of La Crescent ordains as follows:

SECTION I – PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to implement the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342, which authorizes City of La Crescent to protect the public health, safety, welfare of City of La Crescent residents by regulating cannabis businesses within the legal boundaries of City of La Crescent.

SECTION II – Ordinance No. 587 adopted on December 9, 2024, and titled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT TO REGULATE CANNABIS BUSINESSES” is hereby amended to include and read as follows:

SECTION 5 LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLES

Section 5.1 Sale of Low Potency Hemp Edibles

The sale of Low-Potency Edibles is permitted, subject to the conditions within this Section.

Section 5.2 Zoning Districts

Low-Potency Edibles businesses are permitted as a permitted business in the following zoning districts:

- C-1, Commercial District
- CBD-1 and CBD-2, Central Business District
- Commercial-Planned Development Overlay, if Waiver is granted, or as explicitly identified within the Planned Development Agreement.

Section 5.3 Age Requirements

The sale of Low-Potency Edibles is permitted only in places that admit persons 21 years of age or older

Section 5.4 Beverages

The sale of Low-Potency Edibles Hemp Beverages is permitted in places that meet requirements of this section.

Section 5.5 Storage of Product

Low-Potency Edibles shall be sold behind a counter and stored in a locked case.

SECTION III – AUTHORIZATION TO RENUMBER. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to make numerical, alphabetical, and formatting changes including the correction and cross reference as may be necessary to integrate this amendment.

SECTION V – EFFECTIVE DATE. Ordinance No. 587, an ordinance regulating cannabis businesses dated December 9, 2024, is hereby amended upon this ordinance becoming effective.

PASSED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

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.

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

MOTION THAT A PRÉCIS FORMAT OF SAID ORDINANCE 601 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 City Clerk, 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 3.4 – UPDATE ON PENDING LAWSUIT: 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

City Attorney Wieser provided City Council with an update on the pending lawsuit. This item was informational only. No action was required.

ITEM 3.5 – CONSIDERATION OF FOUTS FIRE 2000 GALLON TANKER TRUCK PURCHASE

La Crescent Fire Chief Tarrence was in attendance and reviewed with City Council a request from the La Crescent Fire Department to purchase a FOUTS Fire 2000-Gallon Tanker. The current truck the Fire Department uses is a 1996 International with an 1800-gallon stainless steel water tank. It does not have the capabilities of pumping water, only hauling water. The FOUTS Fire 2000-gallon tanker is fitted with an

onboard Hale 100-gallon per minute pump. The truck is being sold by Fire Safety USA in Rochester, Minnesota for \$394,500. Included for City Council review were photos of the current truck, specifications for the proposed truck, and a proposed payment agreement of \$94,680 with the La Crescent Township. It was recommended that City Council approve the purchase of the FOUTS Fire 2000-gallon tanker for \$394,500. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE FOUTS FIRE 2000-GALLON TANKER FOR \$394,500 FROM FIRE SAFETY USA IN ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, CONTINGENT ON THE TOWNSHIPS CONTRIBUTION OF \$94,680.

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 – PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS-TWO CONSIDERATIONS:

1. CONSIDERATION OF FINAL PLAT-COULEE REGION PROPERTY

Coulee Region Property Management has submitted the Final Plat application for three parcels located at 318 South Walnut Street, 309 South Oak Street, and an unaddressed parcel in between. This is in regards to the Preliminary Plat that was approved during the February 9th, 2026, regular City Council meeting. The Planning Commission is recommending to the City Council, the approval of the Final Plat with the following Conditions of Approval 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. Removal of all nonconforming features prior to October 31, 2026;

- ii. Amending the grading and construction plan to remove the bituminous parking on City owned property;
 - iii. Address canopy removal prior to October 31, 2026;
 - iv. Access road will be aligned to modify with this intersection of South 4th 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 Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COULEE REGION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FINAL PLAT FOR THREE PARCELS LOCATED AT 318 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, 309 SOUTH OAK STREET, AND AN UNADDRESSED PARCEL WITH THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND FINDINGS AS STATED.

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.

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council three changes to the Development Contract with Coulee Region Property Management made after the submission of the council packet as follows:

- 1. Delete the term "Owners"
- 2. Identify in section 1.12 that the Developer has to make the obligations contained in Article 3
- 3. Addition of paragraph 8.14, Expiration of Agreement

It was recommended that City Council approve the changes. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE THREE CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH COULEE REGION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AS STATED.

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.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION – 404/408 BACKSTRETCH COURT

An application for an Administrative Subdivision was submitted by Barbara Olson for the two abutting properties, she owns, located at 404 and 408 Backstretch Court. She is seeking approval to move the rear property pin 15 feet from 408 Backstretch Court towards 404 Backstretch Court. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following Conditions of Approval and Findings:

Conditions of Approval:

1. The applicant is responsible for utility hook ups and relocating or adding any utility easements.
2. The applicant shall work with the utility companies for any well-defined easements that will be required, and that the property description is recorded.
3. The applicant shall record the deed and accompanying survey in the office of the County recorder within ninety (90) days.
4. The Applicant will abide by all 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 the spirit or letter of explicit condition of the application.
5. The Applicant complies with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

Findings of fact:

1. The Administrative Subdivision conforms to all requirements for lots within the R-1A Low Density Residential District and the applicant has demonstrated by survey that they comply with the requirements.
2. The request is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and consistent with the comprehensive plan.
3. The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner permitted by the zoning ordinance.
4. The lot boundary line adjustments/lot split will not alter the essential character of the locality.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION SUBDIVISION FOR 404/408 BACKSTRETCH COURT WITH THE CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS AS STATED.

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 3.7 – DONATION RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 05-26-11

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN MAY 2026

WHEREAS, the following donations were made to the City of La Crescent in the month of May 2026:

1. James and Kathryn Rozovics wish to donate \$250.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
2. Lions Club of La Crescent wishes to donate \$3,406.91 for four folding picnic tables purchased from Lifetime and two memorial benches purchased from EFA to the La Crescent City parks in Memory of Ron McKelvey and Phil Dahlen.

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

ADOPTED this 26th Day of May 2026.

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
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.8 – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ALL-SCHOOL REUNION TO BE HELD JULY 18, 2026

City Council reviewed a request from Lancer Alumni Association representative Sarah Dohnalik to hold an All School Reunion on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the La Crescent Community Arena from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Requests include:

- Approval of the use of the La Crescent Community Arena.
- Approval to allow licensed food vendors at the arena.
- Approval of a beverage license to sell beer and wine at the event.

It was recommended that City Council approve the event request. Following discussion, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LANCER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOLD AN ALL SCHOOL REUNION ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026, AT THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY ARENA FROM 2:00 PM TO 10:00 PM AND REQUESTS AS STATED.

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 3.9 – RENEWAL OF CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESS LICENSE – DO BE KIND

City Council reviewed a memo from City Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch regarding a renewal of registration from Max Weber, owner of Do Be Kind. The application appears to be in order, and it was recommended that City Council approve the renewal. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGISTRATION RENEWAL APPLICATION FROM MAX WEBER FOR DO BE KIND.

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

Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and Member Jostad voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-1 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Langen made a motion, seconded by Member Williams 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 6:01 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: June 8, 2026

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator