

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
JUNE 10, 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 June was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, June 10, 2024.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cherryl Jostad, 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, Community Development Director Larry Kirch, Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson, 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 28, 2024
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – JUNE 7, 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 Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner, 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;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 3.1 – BUILDING OFFICIAL TRAINING GRANT**

Community Development Director Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council a Building Official Training Grant Agreement awarded to the City by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for \$65,000. The purpose of the grant program is to train the next generation of Building Officials in learning, understanding, and implementing the various commercial and residential building codes. There are no city-matching funds required for the grant. The grant will pay for salary, equipment, training classes, testing, and certifications. A copy of the award letter and grant agreement were included. It was recommended that City Council accept the grant and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the grant agreement. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TRAINING GRANT AWARD OF \$65,000 FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 3.2 – Mn DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-REVIEW & AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES**

Public Works Director Tyler Benish provided City Council with a MN Department of Public Safety review regarding the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Disaster #4722DR declared by the President of the United States of America, for the damages that occurred from April 11<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from the Mississippi River flooding. The flooding caused damage to the City’s infrastructure along Shore Acres Road and the Wagon Wheel Trail. In total, the City will receive \$176,625.92 in Federal and State funds to off-set costs that were incurred due to the flood event and mitigate damage from future flood events. The City received a quote from Mathy Construction to complete the repair of the Wagon Wheel Trail and recommends City Council approve the expenditure from the disaster funding not to exceed \$40,164.81. A quote for the grinder pump sewer system repairs will be brought back to a later meeting for City Council approval. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR MATHY CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR THE WAGON WHEEL TRAIL WITH THE DISASTER FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$40,164.81.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – SALT STORAGE ORDINANCE**

At the May 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, City Council reviewed a Salt Storage Ordinance. After review City Council members recommended some additional wording to the Ordinance. Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council the updated Ordinance and it was recommended that City Council adopt the ordinance as presented. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson introduced the following ordinance and moved it passage and adoption:

#### **CITY OF LA CRESCENT ORDINANCE NO. 582**

#### **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING BULK STORAGE OF DEICING CHEMICALS**

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

**SECTION I. PREAMBLE AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.** 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 bulk storage areas at commercial and industrial zoned 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 Section II of this Ordinance is a petty misdemeanor subject to penalty not to exceed \$300.00.

PASSED AND ENACTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

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;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – Mn LAND TRUST – LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

Greg Watson submitted an agenda request to address the City Council if his questions were not answered during the review.

Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council a Land Exchange Agreement with Allan McCormick and the Minnesota Land Trust to resolve an issue with the land boundary on Mr. McCormick's property. The issue dates back to the mid-1990s and the construction of Mr. McCormick's home. The MN Land Trust is supportive of the proposed land exchange agreement. The city will obtain a net conservation gain. The net conservation gain was a requirement for MN Land Trust and the Internal Revenue Service to move this land exchange agreement forward. Mr. McCormick will deed 6.00 acres to the city in exchange for 1.00 acres being deeded back to him. This will clear any land boundary issues on his property. A map of the parcels was included. It was recommended that City Council approve the land

exchange with Mr. McCormick and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH ALLAN MCCORMICK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – REVIEW FUTURE TRAIL CONNECTIONS**

Rebecca and Greg Meinertz submitted an agenda request and addressed City Council regarding the future trail connection.

Greg Watson submitted an agenda request to address the City Council if his questions were not answered during the review.

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council the progress of the trail extension from Eagles Bluff Park to the Winona County Overlook Park. The land exchange agreement between the City and Allan McCormick is the first segment of property necessary to complete the trail. City staff will continue discussion with land owners to either acquire an easement or purchase property that will allow for the trail extension to be completed. This is a process that will be time-consuming and will not be completed in a defined time frame. The City obtained an easement from La Crescent Township that will allow the trail to be extended from the Apple Blossom Point property which includes City-owned land and a previous easement that was obtained from an adjoining property owner that provides for the connection to the Crescent Hills development. A copy of the easement that the City obtained from the Township was included. This was informational only, no action required.

**ITEM 3.6 – REVIEW CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROJECT**

Greg Watson submitted an agenda request to address the City Council if his questions were not answered during the review.

Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council a Conservation Partners Legacy Grant awarded to the City for \$40,700 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to complete forestry restoration on the Stoney Point property. The project involves forestry mowing, follow-up foliar spraying applications, and planting of hardwood seedlings. The grant will also cover seed mix for inter-seeding the Pine Creek prairie. The adoption of the grant agreement will be brought back to a future City Council Meeting. This was informational only, no action required.

**ITEM 3.7 – HOUSTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGREEMENT**

Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed with City Council a \$5,000 grant awarded to the City by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) to help fund the purchase of new signs for the City parks. Many of the existing signs, made from plywood, are rotting or have other structural issues. The new signs would go through a design process with the Park and Recreation Commission and include the new City logo. The \$5,000 requires a 10% in-kind match which would be met by having the City Maintenance staff install the signs. A Memorandum of Understanding from the Houston County Public Health and Human Services was included. It was recommended that City Council approve the SHIP grant and the MOU. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$5,000 GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY BY THE STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) TO HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SIGNS FOR THE CITY PARKS AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM HOUSTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WITH THE CITY MAINTENANCE STAFF INSTALLING THE SIGNS TO MEET THE 10% IN-KIND MATCH REQUIREMENTS.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 3.8 – FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT – BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE**

City Clerk Angie Boettcher reviewed with City Council an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule under the Administration/Building Inspections and Permitting section to include a one-time fee of \$50 for a beekeeping permit. A copy of the permit application was included. It was recommended City Council

adopt the Ordinance. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson introduced the following ordinance and moved its passage and adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 583**

**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, 571. And NO. 579**

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 2023 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:

**ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND PERMITTING**

<b>BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND PERMITTING</b>	<b>2024</b>
Short-term Rental Permit - Annually	\$100.00
ADD - Beekeeping Permit – One-Time Fee	\$50.00

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK PROCLAMATION**

City Council reviewed a Pollinator Proclamation proclaiming the week of June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 as Pollinator Week in the City of La Crescent. It was recommended that City Council adopt the proclamation. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 AS POLLINATOR WEEK 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;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 3.10 – DONATION RESOLUTION**

City Council reviewed a Resolution regarding the donation of thirty-five trees made to the City in the month of May by Cedar Valley Tree Farm. It was recommended that City Council approve the Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-19**

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

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

- 1. Cedar Valley Tree Farm wishes to donate thirty-five 6-foot-tall potted trees (20 Swamp White Oak, 5 Redmond Linden, and 10 Sugar Maple) to the City of La Crescent.

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

ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2024.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution 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;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – AMEND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – RELEAF GRANT**

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council the purchase of a new rotary brush cutter attachment for \$8,647.60 that the Council approved at the March 11, 2024, City Council meeting. The cost was proposed to be broken down with \$3,647.60 from the 2022 capital equipment certificate and \$5,000 from the DNR Releaf Grant. There is a provision in the DNR grant that prohibits use of the grant funds on any purchase with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more even if that cost is split across grant and match funds. Based on this restriction, it was recommended that City Council amend the 2022 capital equipment expenditure to reflect that all of the cost of the rotary brush cutter is taken from the 2022 capital equipment certificate. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTIRE COST OF \$8,647.60 FOR THE NEW ROTARY BRUSH CUTTER ATTACHMENT.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council promote current part-time Police Officer Josh DeBoer to full-time status to fill one of the two vacancies in the Police Department. The recommendation includes that Mr. DeBoer start at step 3 in the LELS salary schedule for the position. A letter from the Police Chief regarding the recommendation was included.

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

**MOTION TO PROMOTE POLICE OFFICER JOSH DEBOER FROM A PART-TIME TO A FULL-TIME STATUS TO FILL ONE OF THE TWO VACANCIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THAT MR. DEBOER STARTS AT STEP 3 IN THE LELS SALARY SCHEDULE.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 Personnel Committee is recommending that Police Officer Kaleb Peterson be moved from step 2 to step 3 in the LELS salary schedule effective June 10, 2024. A letter from the police chief regarding the recommendation was included.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE POLICE OFFICER KALEB PETERSON TO BE MOVED FROM STEP 2 TO STEP 3 IN THE LELS SALARY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2024.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council approve a memorandum of understanding with the Law Enforcement Labor Service Union (LELS) that clarifies a long-standing practice regarding the payment for overtime hours. The agreement will align the contract language in the LELS agreement with similar contract language in the AFSME agreement. A copy of the memorandum of agreement was included.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICE UNION THAT CLARIFIES A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE REGARDING THE PAYMENT FOR OVERTIME HOURS TO ALIGN WITH SIMILAR CONTRACT LANGUAGE IN THE AFSME UNION AGREEMENT.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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.

4. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council set the safety shoe allowance for golf course workers as follows: Golf Course Superintendent - \$200 per year; part-time, outside seasonal workers - \$100 per year. This is consistent with the safety shoe allowance provided by the City to similar positions in the Public Works Department.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAFETY SHOE ALLOWANCE FOR GOLF COURSE WORKERS AS FOLLOWS: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT - \$200 PER YEAR; PART-TIME OUTSIDE SEASONAL WORKERS - \$100 PER YEAR TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SAFETY SHOE ALLOWANCE PROVIDED BY THE CITY TO SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 – APPLEFEST TORCHLIGHT PARADE REQUEST**

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager requesting approval for the 2024 Applefest Torchlight Parade to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, beginning at Veterans Park and

ending at the Crucifixion parking lot. The parade will start at approximately 7:10 pm (dusk), with the route being the same as last year. The LCPD will take necessary measures to provide adequate traffic control while minimizing traffic disruption. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 APPLEFEST TORCHLIGHT PARADE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, BEGINNING AT VETERANS PARK AND ENDING AT THE CRUCIFIXION PARKING LOT WITH A START TIME OF APPROXIMATELY 7:10 PM AND THE ROUTE REMAINING THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 3.14 – CITY ATTORNEY’S REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

City Attorney Skip Wieser reviewed the 2024 Legislative changes with City Council regarding cannabis cultivation and solar credits.

Effective July 2024, the Office of Cannabis Management can open the process for licenses for cultivation of cannabis to begin in August 2024. This could potentially impact the City’s Building and Zoning regulations and Conditional Use Permits regarding greenhouses. A moratorium ordinance would allow Building and Zoning staff, the Planning Commission, and City Staff to review and study this topic, which would then prohibit the Office of Cannabis Management from issuing a license in the City for cultivation until January 2025. Following discussion there was a consensus from City Council to authorize Attorney Wieser to prepare a moratorium ordinance and bring it back to the June 24, 2024 council meeting for consideration.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission came out with a written order on May 30, 2024, making the bill credits on the community solar gardens that municipalities invested in years ago, less valuable. It was recommended that City Council authorize Attorney Wieser to work with the City of Winona Attorney for outside legal counsel which may incur up to \$5,000 in outside legal fees to appeal the order. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY WIESER TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF WINONA ATTORNEY FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNCIL TO INCUR UP TO \$5,000 IN OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES TO APPEAL THE ORDER.**

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 GREENSTEP MEETING MINUTES – MAY 29, 2024**

City Council reviewed the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Greenstep Committee meeting minutes.

**6.2**

**6.3**

**8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A representative from the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and provided an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Hutchinson 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;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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 6:14 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: June 24, 2024.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator