

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
JUNE 9, 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 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 9, 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, 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 27, 2025
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – JUNE 6, 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 – ATV/UTV/GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council the March 13, 2023, City Council meeting minutes relating to an ordinance regulating atv/utv/golf carts in the City of La Crescent. The motion at that meeting was that further consideration would be given to the ordinance after the Walnut Street project is complete. In April of 2025 the City Council received an agenda request for atv/utv/golf cart usage in the City. At that time the City Council took no action on the request. Due to continued requests regarding an ordinance, it was recommended that City Council consider one of the following directives to provide for city staff:

1. Reaffirm the motion from March of 2023, with the understanding that the next time that this topic would be considered by the City Council would be in the Spring of 2027.
2. Direct the City Attorney to review the draft of the ordinance and present the ordinance for consideration at a future City Council meeting.
3. Deny the request, with the understanding that it will not be considered again until a City Council member requests that it be added to the agenda for consideration in the future by the City Council.

Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion to allow public input from the members of the public in attendance. The motion failed due to no second.

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

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM THE MOTION FROM MARCH OF 2023 AND WAIT UNTIL THE WALNUT STREET PROJECT IS COMPLETE WHILE STILL OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY ON THEIR ORDINANCE DECISION AND FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE ATV/UTV/GOLF CART DRAFT ORDINANCE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN MARCH OF 2023.**

Following discussion, Attorney Wieser recommended that the Members that made the motion and the second amend the motion to a two-step process.

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

- 1. MOTION TO REAFFIRM THE MARCH 2023 ACTION AS PRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL MEMORANDUM, AND;**
- 2. MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO BRING THE ISSUE BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL UPON COMPLETION OF THE WALNUT STREET PROJECT.**

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 – CONDITIONAL CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

City Attorney Wieser reviewed a copy of the building layout for 270 Strupp Avenue, which was provided to the council prior to the start of the meeting. It was recommended that City Council continue item 3.2 to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting to allow City Staff additional time to review the additional requests at that location to make sure it is consistent with the planned unit development waiver granted by the City. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

**MOTION TO CONTINUE ITEM 3.2 TO THE JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ALLOW CITY STAFF ADDITIONAL TIME TO MAKE SURE THE PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WAIVER GRANTED BY THE CITY.**

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 – REVIEW OTHER CANNABIS RELATED ITEMS**

City Attorney Wieser reviewed other cannabis related items with City Council including consideration of annexing the property at 1570 US Highway 14/16 East, formerly the site of the Kunes RV facility which is currently in the La Crescent Township and consideration of increasing the number of retail cannabis business licenses issued in the City of La Crescent due to the prospective parties interested in obtaining a cannabis license in the City of La Crescent. The City currently limits the number of retail cannabis business licenses to three. No action was taken regarding the annexation of the former Kunes RV facility

located at 1570 US Highway 14/16/ East. It was the consensus of the City Council to make no change to the number of retail cannabis business licenses in the City.

### **ITEM 3.4 – DONATION RESOLUTION**

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-25-19**

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN MAY 2025**

WHEREAS, the following donations were made to the City of La Crescent in the month of May 2025:

1. TJ's Auto Glass wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.
2. Wieser Law Office wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor's Night Out.
3. Thomas and Cindy Wright wish to donate \$1,000.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
4. Jim and Cindy Hobelsberger wish to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
5. Dan and Karla Koch wish to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
6. Alvin and Julia Forde wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
7. Darlene Erickson wishes to donate \$20.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
8. Joyce Allen wishes to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
9. Cheryl Jostad wishes to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
10. Karen Bennett wishes to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
11. Hein Orchard wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.
12. Crest Precast wishes to donate \$500.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.
13. Andrew and Kim Esser wish to donate \$200.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
14. Peace of Mind Counseling wishes to donate \$300.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.

15. Ready Bus Company wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.
16. Tom Niebeling Landscaping wishes to donate \$25.00 to the LCPD/Neighbors Night Out.
17. Robert and Katy Langen wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.

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

ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2025.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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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;

Christopher Lange	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

and Member Jostad abstained. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

**ITEM 3.5 – 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATION RESOLUTION – PUBLIC SAFETY/EOC BUILDING PROJECT**

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council for approval a 2026 Capital Budget Application Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-25-20**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2025 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AS PRIORITY NUMBER 2 AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR THE LA CRESCENT PUBLIC SAFETY/EOC BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the city has been preparing long-range plans for a new Public Safety/EOC building for the La Crescent Police Department for over a decade and has prepared preliminary plans for the construction of a public safety and emergency operations center; and

WHEREAS, the city has held multiple council meetings and the city has spent the decade acquiring property adjacent to the current city hall and Community Building for a new City Hall/Library as well as a Public Safety/EOC building as part of the city's downtown revitalization efforts and there is wide community support for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the city has been working with the USDA Rural Community Facilities Program and has received approval of its preliminary application for a long-term loan and the city is in the process of completing the next steps for the program which include preparing a feasibility study; selecting an architectural firm to prepare a Preliminary Architectural Report; preparing an Environmental Assessment, and obtaining a Certified Appraisal; and

WHEREAS, La Crescent is the largest city in Houston County and is part of the La Crosse metropolitan area and the project will improve the city and county's public safety operations and efficiency by designating a portion of the new public safety building as an emergency operations center to assist the county and region during areawide emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the project will meet or exceed the state's clean energy and B3 requirements and the city is a leader in environmental stewardship as a Step 5 Green Step Community; and

WHEREAS, investments in Southeast Minnesota in this project will result in benefits to the state, the region and residents of the City of La Crescent as well as to non-resident visitors and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State’s process for capital investment projects is underway this spring and will continue into the fall and 2026 legislative session.

IT IS RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of La Crescent that the bonding priority for 2026 is as follows: SECOND: La Crescent Public Safety/EOC building project.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city submit the project for consideration by the Governor with the most recent estimated project amounts, and that the project amounts may be updated by the state’s deadline.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Administrator are authorized to proceed with submitting the project as part of the State’s 2026 Capital Budget request process.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2025.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

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
Christopher Lange	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

**7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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

**8. HOUSTON COUNTY**

Houston County Commissioner Cindy Wright was in attendance and provided an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner 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 5:49 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: June 23, 2025.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator