

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JULY 14, 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 July was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Cherryl Jostad, Chris Langen, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were, City Administrator Bill Waller, Public Works Director Tyler Benish, City Attorney Skip Wieser, Community Development Director Larry Kirch, 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 – JUNE 23, 2025
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – JULY 11, 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;

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 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – JULY 1, 2025

City Attorney Wieser reviewed the July 1, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes with City Council.

ITEM 3.2 – REZONING RECOMMENDATION – C-1 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT – BLOCK 10, BLOCK 87, AND PART OF BLOCK 86

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a rezoning recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone Blocks 10, 87, and part of 86 (portions of South Walnut, South 2nd, and South 3rd Street) of the La Crescent Zoning Map from C-1 Highway Commercial to Central Business District (CBD). A copy of the zoning map was included. It was recommended that City Council approve the rezoning request based on the following Findings:

1. The property is currently zoned commercial (Highway Commercial) and the proposed rezoning is another commercial zoning district (Central Business District).
2. The rezoning is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown La Crescent Vision and Strategic Plan.
3. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the matter on July 1, 2025.
4. There were no objections from the affected property owners in attendance.
5. No comments or objections have been received by city staff of the proposal.
6. Properties that are currently residential in use are legal non-conforming uses and the proposed zoning does not change that status.
7. Rezoning sections (blocks) 10, 87 and part of 86 squares off the Central Business District zoning in a logical pattern.
8. Highway Commercial is not an appropriate zoning for this area along Walnut Street, South 2nd Street, and South 3rd Street.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF BLOCKS 10, 87, AND PART OF 86 OF THE LA CRESCENT ZONING MAP FROM C-1 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) BASED ON THE FINDINGS.

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

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

ITEM 3.3 – PLANNED UNIT WAIVER REQUEST – 350 STRUPP AVENUE

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council cannabis related items identified in order of receipt as 3.3 A, 3.3B, and 3.3C. Item 3.3C was reviewed first, which was a request for reconsideration of license denials.

3.3C - At the June 23rd, 2025, City Council meeting the City Council denied the cannabis retail license applications from Duki Holdings LLC, 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 101 and Happy Multiverse LLC, 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 102 based on the following Findings:

Duki Holdings LLC for property located at 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 101

1. On November 27, 2024, representatives for the property owner at 270 East Strupp Avenue, La Crescent requested a waiver (“Application”) from the Master Plan and PUD requirements for C-PD Commercial Planned Development overlay contained in Section 12.23 subd. 5 of the City Zoning Ordinance.
2. The Application requested to “construct a new ~ 12,000 square foot Cannabis Dispensary on the subject site and to utilize C-1 Zoning Standards to develop the site”. See pages 150-154 of the council packet. Based upon the language of the application, 270 Strupp was considered a singular dispensary.
3. On May 27, 2025, City of La Crescent approved High Hopes Ventures LLC request for retail registration for 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 103.
4. The current request for retail registration at 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 101, La Crescent would exceed the scope and extent of the requested waiver made by the property owner. In order to obtain additional retail registrations at 270 Strupp Avenue, the owner/developer will need to request an amendment to the waiver seeking approval to allow multiple locations.
5. Ordinance 588 adopted by the City of La Crescent on December 9, 2024, defines dispensary as “An entity in possession of a cannabis retailer license or otherwise authorized to acquire, possess, transfer, sell, dispense, or distribute products containing cannabis and related supplies and products pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.”

Happy Multiverse LLC for property located at 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 102

1. On November 27, 2024, representatives for the property owner at 270 East Strupp Avenue, La Crescent requested a waiver (“Application”) from the Master Plan and PUD

- requirements for C-PD Commercial Planned Development overlay contained in Section 12.23 subd. 5 of the City Zoning Ordinance.
2. The Application requested to “construct a new ~ 12,000 square foot Cannabis Dispensary on the subject site and to utilize C-1 Zoning Standards to develop the site”. See pages 150-154 of the council packet. Based upon the language of the application, 270 Strupp was considered a singular dispensary.
 3. On May 27, 2025, City of La Crescent approved High Hopes Ventures LLC request for retail registration for 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 103.
 4. The current request for retail registration at 270 Strupp Avenue, Suite 102, La Crescent would exceed the scope and extent of the requested waiver made by the property owner. In order to obtain additional retail registrations at 270 Strupp Avenue, the owner/developer will need to request an amendment to the waiver seeking approval to allow multiple locations.
 5. Ordinance 588 adopted by the City of La Crescent on December 9, 2024, defines dispensary as “An entity in possession of a cannabis retailer license or otherwise authorized to acquire, possess, transfer, sell, dispense, or distribute products containing cannabis and related supplies and products pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.”

After the June 23rd meeting City staff received correspondence from the legal representative of Duki Holdings, LLC and Happy Multiverse, LLC asking City Council to reconsider the previously taken action. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION BASED ON THE PREVIOUS FINDINGS FOR DUKI HOLDINGS LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 270 STRUPP AVENUE, SUITE 101.

Pedro Piquar, representative for the 270 Strupp Avenue property was in attendance and addressed City Council regarding the reconsideration request.

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 TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION BASED ON THE PREVIOUS FINDINGS FOR HAPPY MULTIVERSE LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 270 STRUPP AVENUE, SUITE 102

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.

3.3A - City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a Request for Waiver of Master Plan and Planned Unit Development requirement for property located at 350 Strupp Avenue. Justin Dunaskiss from Dunaskiss Consulting and Development, Inc., was in attendance to answer questions. It was recommended by the Planning Commission that City Council approve the waiver request for Mango Cannabis/Twin Pines Ventures, LLC located at 350 Strupp Avenue, based on the following conditions of approval with a recommended change of the wording to number six as shown:

1. Developer or Owner will apply for MN DOT Development Review and comply with all recommendations at Developer or Owner expense.
2. Developer or Owner will submit a stormwater plan in compliance with City's MS4 permit,
3. Developer or Owner will submit a grading plan to be approved by City Engineer or City Building Official.
4. Developer or Owner will be bound by the terms of the development agreement by lessees of 350 Strupp Avenue, La Crescent, Minnesota.
5. Developer or Owner will comply with other conditions reasonably determined by the City Engineer or City Building Official related to proposed use of the property located at 350 Strupp Avenue, La Crescent, Minnesota.
6. ~~Said location to be utilized for a singular dispensary.~~ **Said location to be utilized for a singular cannabis retail location.**
7. The City of La Crescent issuing a Cannabis Retail License for this location.
8. Developer or Owner will resurface the road adjacent to the property to the City specifications approved by the City Engineer at Developer or Owner sole expense.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MASTER PLAN AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MANGO CANNABIS/TWIN PINES VENTURES, LLC LOCATED AT 350 STRUPP AVENUE, BASED ON THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE OF WORDING TO NUMBER SIX.

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.

3.3B – City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a request from Mango Cannabis/Twin Pines Ventures, LLC for a retail cannabis license application for 350 Strupp Avenue. It was recommended that City Council approve the application based on the same eight conditions provided under 3.3A with an additional ninth condition of approval as follows:

9. Developer or Owner will enter into a development agreement with the City of La Crescent to address those conditions contained 3.3A.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RETAIL CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MANGO CANNABIS/TWIN PINES VENTURES, LLC LOCATED AT 350 STRUPP AVENUE BASED ON THE SAME EIGHT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IN 3.3A WITH THE ADDITION OF NUMBER NINE AS STATED ABOVE.

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.

ITEM 3.4 – 2026 TRANSIT OPERATING GRANT RESOLUTION

City Council reviewed a Resolution to approve the State Transit Operating Assistance application for 2026. The resolution is adopted and submitted to MnDOT each year. In 2025, the City will receive approximately \$242,000 in Federal and State funds to operate the local bus services. It was recommended that City Council adopt the resolution. Following discussion, Member Langen introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT
ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT**

The City of La Crescent, Minnesota has resolved to apply for the 2026 Greater Minnesota Transit Operating Grant and enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation in the City of La Crescent.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota agrees to provide a local share of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total operating costs and up to twenty percent (20%) of total capital costs.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota agrees to provide one hundred percent (100%) of the local share necessary for expenses that exceed funds available from the State.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota authorizes the Mayor and/or City Administrator to execute the aforementioned agreement and any amendments thereto.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator or Transit Manager is hereby authorized to execute requests for reimbursement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2025.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

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;

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.

ITEM 3.5 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. On August 12, 2025, Tanner Weinfurtner will have successfully completed his one-year probationary period as a Peace Officer for the City of La Crescent. Effective August 12, 2025, the Personnel Committee is recommending that Mr. Weinfurtner's probationary status be removed, and that he be classified as a regular City of La Crescent employee. A letter from the Police Chief regarding the recommendation was included. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

MOTION TO REMOVE TANNER WEINFURTNER'S PROBATIONARY STATUS AS A PEACE OFFICER AND THAT HE BE CLASSIFIED AS A REGULAR CITY OF LA CRESCENT EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2025.

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. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council promote Austin Johnson from Lead Worker to Assistant Clubhouse Manager at Pine Creek Golf Course. This is Mr. Johnson's second year of employment with the City at the Golf Course. The position of Assistant Clubhouse Manager has been vacant for several years. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Operating Engineers Union Agreement, Mr. Johnson will serve a 120-calendar day probationary period. The

effective date of the promotion will be July 15, 2025. A letter from the Golf Course Superintendent regarding the recommendation was included. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Langen as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF AUSTIN JOHNSON FROM LEAD WORKER TO ASSISTANT CLUBHOUSE MANAGER AT PINE CREEK GOLF COURSE EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2025, WITH MR. JOHNSON SERVING A 120-CALENDAR DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OPEARTING ENGINEERS UNION AGREEMENT.

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 – GRAVEL NATIONAL BICYCLE RACE RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Works Director Tyler Benish reviewed with City Council information for the 2025/2026 USA Cycling Gravel National Championship which will be held in La Crescent on September 20th, 2025, and September 19, 2026. The Local Organizing Committee is requesting City Council approval for the following:

1. To close a portion of Main Street starting the morning of Friday, September 19th through the completion of the race on Saturday, September 20th for the start and finish lines as well as other roads needing to be temporarily closed during the race. A map of the requested road closures for the race was included.
2. Build a route for the racers to enter off of South 7th Street to Stoney Point Park.
3. Support from the Police Department and Reserve Officers at critical intersections along the route.
4. Support from the Fire Department to provide medical assistance as well as traffic control along the route for participants.
5. Support from the Public Works Department to provide traffic control, set up, and tear down.
6. Allow the use of the Community Building for race registration, check-in, and as a backup medical aid station, beginning Thursday, September 18th through Saturday, September 20th along with closure of the alley adjacent to the building on Friday, September 19th during registration and set-up and during the race on Saturday.

7. Provide the use of golf carts from a sponsor of the event to use on city streets for Gravel National Championship related needs. The golf carts will be clearly marked.
8. Allow the use of Main Street for the vendor expo with set-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 19th, and concluding at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20th to include the sale of food and other goods in the public right of way.
9. Allow discretion of the department heads for the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments to accommodate items or concerns that are not listed if it is critical to the success of the Gravel National Championship and Applefest activities.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR THE 2025/2026 GRAVEL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 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 to the City for the Month of June. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-25

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN JUNE 2025

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

1. Crescent Electric wishes to donate \$250.00 to the La Crescent Police Department/Neighbor's Night Out.

2. Marvin & Roberta Bringe wish to donate \$25.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Terry Meyer.
3. An Anonymous donor wishes to donate \$52,170.74 to Wieser Park.
4. Connected Family Chiropractic wishes to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Police Department/Neighbor's Night Out.

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

ADOPTED this 14th Day of July 2025.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

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
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 3.8 – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

City Council reviewed information regarding the 19th Annual Neighbors Night Out event to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park. This was informational only.

7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A representative from the Chamber of Commerce 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 Langen to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: July 28, 2025

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator