

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
AUGUST 24, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of August was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, August 24, 2015, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Attorney, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, Ryan Hutchinson, Brian Krenz, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. There were no changes requested.

**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 – AUGUST 10, 2015
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2015
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – JUNE 2015
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – JUNE 2015

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 Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 3.1 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2015**

Building Official, Shawn Wetterlin, reviewed with City Council the minutes from the August 11, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission considered two items that require action by the City Council. The first item was an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the building of a new greenhouse/storage building from Bauer's Market at 221 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Planning Commission

recommended the approval of the Conditional Use Permit with the condition that the sides of the structure have T-111 Siding. In recommending the approval of the Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Commission made the following findings of fact:

1. That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.
2. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.
3. The use is consistent with the purpose of the zoning code and the purposes of the zoning district in which the applicant intends to locate the proposed use.
4. The use is not in conflict with the policies of the City of La Crescent.

Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE BUILDING OF A NEW GREENHOUSE/STORAGE BUILDING FROM BAUER'S MARKET AT 221 NORTH 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE SIDES OF THE STRUCTURE HAVE T-111 SIDING, AND INCORPORATING THE FINDINGS STATED IN THE AUGUST 11, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

The second item was an application for a Conditional Use/Home Occupation Permit to allow the home owner to serve as a fashion consultant, and host a limited number of fashion exhibits at her home at 451 Park Street. The Planning Commission recommended the approval of the Conditional Use/Home Occupation Permit. In recommending the approval of the Conditional Use/Home Occupation Permit, the Planning Commission made the following findings of fact:

1. That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.
2. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.
3. The use is consistent with the purpose of the zoning code and the purposes of the zoning district in which the applicant intends to locate the proposed use.
4. The use is not in conflict with the policies of the City of La Crescent.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE/HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT TO ALLOW THE HOME OWNER TO SERVE AS A FASHION CONSULTANT, AND HOST A LIMITED NUMBER OF FASHION EXHIBITS AT HER HOME AT 451 PARK STREET AND INCORPORATING THE FINDINGS STATED IN THE AUGUST 11, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 3.2 – NO PARKING ON NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

City Council heard from City Resident, Roger Timm, regarding his Agenda Request to allow parking on the west side of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street which had recently been passed by City Council as no parking. Mr. Timm stated there was no study done on accidents and this would have a huge impact on the neighborhood. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

**MOTION TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION APPROVED ON JULY 27, 2015 AUTHORIZING THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN CRESCENT HILLS AND THE INTERSECTION OF OLD HICKORY DRIVE IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT BE DESIGNATED AS “NO PARKING” AND TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND THEREFORE NOT INSTALL “NO PARKING” SIGNS IN THIS AREA.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 3.3 – LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PLANT PROPOSALS**

City Council reviewed proposal from Hoffman & McNamara in the amount of \$6,945.88 regarding the Landscape Partnership Grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a fall 2015 planting project. This year’s project consists of planting perennial flowers and ornamental grasses around the trees that were planted in the southwest corner of the intersection in 2014. The proposal is within the budget for the project and Hoffman & McNamara has provided the product for a number of the previous planting projects in the City. It was recommended to City Council to accept the proposal submitted by Hoffman & McNamara. The planting

is proposed for the first/second week of September. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM HOFFMAN & MCNAMARA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,945.88 REGARDING THE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A FALL 2015 PLANTING PROJECT.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 3.4 – TRUCK PARKING ON CHESTNUT STREET**

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council the issue of truck parking on Chestnut Street. Following discussion, it was the consensus of City Council to have the City Attorney draft a new Ordinance and amend Ordinance #348 regarding this issue and present at a future City Council Meeting. No action taken.

**ITEM 3.5 – FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING RECOMMENDATION**

City Council reviewed a memo from La Crescent Fire Chief, John Meyer, recommending the appointment / promotion of the Training Officers positions for the City of La Crescent Fire Department to Firefighter Cassie Buehler and Firefighter Shane Eastman. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT / PROMOTION OF THE TRAINING OFFICERS POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FIREFIGHTER CASSIE BUEHLER AND FIREFIGHTER SHANE EASTMAN.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 3.6 – CRESCENT VALLEY PROJECT – REVISED PLAN**

City Council reviewed a memo from City Administrator Waller recommending City Council to authorize the City Engineer to obtain quotes to install a portion of the sanitary sewer for the Crescent Valley project yet this

fall. Council was informed it may still be possible to install just the sanitary portion of the project to provide service to the properties at 32 Crescent Avenue and 100 Kinder Road. The quotes would be presented at the September 14<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, as follows:

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO OBTAIN QUOTES TO INSTALL A PORTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER FOR THE CRESCENT VALLEY PROJECT YET THIS FALL AND TO PRESENT THE QUOTES AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

**ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCES/COMMITTEE UPDATES – LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2015**

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the La Crescent Library Board Meeting on June 9, 2015. No action taken.

**ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The La Crescent Chamber of Commerce did not have an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly recessed at 6:24 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator