

CITY OF LA CRESCENT
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY BUILDING
336 SOUTH FIRST STREET
AUGUST 26, 2024
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 1.1 MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 2024
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2024

2. PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 LA CRESCENT POLICE OFFICERS – OATH OF HONOR
- 3.2 AUTHORIZE ORDINANCE – PROHIBIT CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES
- 3.3 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – ICE ARENA
- 3.4 LEASE AGREEMENT – READY BUS COMPANY
- 3.5 UPDATE – BLANDIN GRANT/OVERLOOK PLAZA PROJECT
- 3.6 DONATION RESOLUTION
- 3.7 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – AED'S
- 3.8 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
- 3.9 REVIEW CANNABIS MORATORIUM ORDINANCE
- 3.10

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1

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5. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

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6. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 6.1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – JULY 8, 2024
- 6.2
- 6.3
- 6.4
- 6.5

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1
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- 7.3

8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

10. ADJOURNMENT

#1.1

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 12, 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 August was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:00 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, August 12, 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, Finance Director Kara 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 – JULY 22, 2024
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – AUGUST 9, 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

and Mayor Poellinger abstained. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3.1 – USA CYCLING GRAVEL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mayor Poellinger reviewed with City Council that the third annual USA Cycling Gravel National Championship will occur in La Crescent on the third weekend in September 2025 and again in 2026. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.2 – AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council for authorization the preparation of a five-year Street Reconstruction Plan. WHKS will update the City’s street pavement ratings and assist with the preparation of a new five-year street reconstruction plan. The cost to complete this work is \$2,500. There are funds in the 2024 general fund budget for the expenditure. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE WHKS TO UPDATE THE CITY’S STREET PAVEMENT RATING AND ASSIST WITH THE PREPARATION OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR A COST OF \$2,500 WITH THE EXPENDITURE COMING FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

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 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

1. City Finance Director Kara Tarrence reviewed the following with City Council. In the past month, 2025 park and recreation evaluations were conducted due to Jon Steffes's retirement. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council approve the transfer of a portion of the responsibility for recreation programming to La Crescent Youth Ball and La Crescent-Hokah Community Education. As proposed, baseball and softball programming for 6, 7, and 8-year-olds would be transferred to La Crescent Youth Ball; and programming for T-ball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and golf would be transferred to La Crescent-Hokah Community Education. The City would

continue to staff the Aquatic Center and retain aquatic recreation activities. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMMING FOR 6, 7, AND 8-YEAR-OLDS TO LA CRESCENT YOUTH BALL AND PROGRAMMING FOR T-BALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS, AND GOLF BE TRANSFERRED TO LA CRESCENT-HOKAH COMMUNITY EDUCATION WITH THE CITY CONTINUING TO STAFF THE AQUATIC CENTER AND RETAIN AQUATIC RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

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 the City Council hire Alyssa Sebo as the City's Summer Recreation Director for 2025. Ms. Sebo has been employed in the City's Recreation Department since 2018 and will be student teaching with La Crescent-Hokah School District in the fall of 2024. Effective July 29, 2024, Ms. Sebo began accompanying Jon Steffes to receive on-the-job training for the position. Ms. Sebo's current rate of pay is \$12.66 per hour. Included in the recommendation is that effective July 29, 2024, Ms. Sebo's rate of pay be increased by \$5.00 per hour to be more consistent with the current rate of pay for head lifeguards at the aquatic center. The Personnel Committee is also recommending that the salary for the Summer Recreation Director be set at \$15,000 per year for 2025 and that she be reimbursed for the cost of acquiring certifications required for the position. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ALYSSA SEBO AS THE CITY'S SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR BEGINNING IN 2025 AND EFFECTIVE JULY 29, 2024 MS. SEBO'S RATE OF PAY BE INCREASED BY \$5.00 PER HOUR AND IN 2025 MS. SEBO'S SALARY BE SET AT \$15,000 PER YEAR AND THAT SHE BE REIMBURSED FOR THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION.

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 hire Austin Johnson as a Lead Worker at Pine Creek Golf Course. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract with the Operating Engineers, Mr. Johnson will serve a 120-day probationary period. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF AUSTIN JOHNSON AS LEAD WORKER AT PINE CREEK GOLF COURSE AND PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE OPERATING ENGINEERS, MR. JOHNSON WILL SERVE A 120-DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

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 – PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council the resignation request by Ryan Stotts from the Planning Commission. The resignation takes effect immediately. It was recommended that the City Council accept Ryan Stotts's resignation from the Planning Commission. A recommendation to fill the vacancy will be presented at a future City Council meeting. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF RYAN STOTTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

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 – GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION

City Council reviewed a memo from Administrative Assistant Chris Fortsch regarding a gambling permit application from Surviving Valor, Inc. for a raffle to be held at TimeOut Tavern on Saturday, December 14, 2024. The application appears to be in order and it was recommended that City Council approve the application and authorize that it be forwarded to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION FROM SURVIVING VALOR, INC. TO HOLD A RAFFLE AT TIMEOUT TAVERN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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.

ITEM 3.6 – DONATION RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-24-27

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION MADE TO THE
CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN JULY 2024**

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

1. AcenTek wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
2. Destination Dental wishes to donate \$300.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
3. Houston County wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
4. Springbrook Village of La Crescent wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
5. Wieser Law Office wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
6. Ready Bus Company wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
7. Connected Family Chiropractic wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
8. William and Sarah Goff wish to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
9. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church wishes to donate \$25.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
10. Bauer’s Market & Nursery wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
11. Honor DiDonato – State Farm Insurance wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
12. Pat’s Insurance Agency wishes to donate \$200.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor’s Night Out.
13. Crescent Electric wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/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 12th Day of August 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Hutchinson 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 3.7 – PARADE REQUEST

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager requesting approval for a Parade Permit for temporary street closure at the intersection of Main Street and Walnut Street for the 6th Annual Thriller Dance Performance organized by Meagan Waddell to be held on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND WALNUT STREET FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL THRILLER PERFORMANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

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 – REVIEW MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DECISION

City Attorney Skip Wieser reviewed with City Council that on August 1, 2024, he attended the hearing held by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the City's request for reconsideration regarding the Commission's decision to change the Community Solar Garden Program authorized in 2014. The Commission denied the request for reconsideration. Attorney Wieser will continue to have dialogue with others similarly situated to see if there are any viable alternatives to move forward. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.9 – REVIEW CANNABIS MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

City Attorney Skip Wieser provided City Council with a review of options related to the cannabis moratorium ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council to have Attorney Wieser review other

alternatives to the minimum buffer requirements and limits on the location of a cannabis business within the City and bring it back to a future City Council meeting.

6. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1. EXPLORE LA CROSSE

City Council reviewed the July 30, 2024, Explore La Crosse Board Meeting agenda and the June 18, 2024, Meeting minutes.

6.2 PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – 7/29/24

City Council reviewed the July 29, 2024 Park & Recreation Commission minutes.

8. 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 Hutchinson 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 6:11 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: _____.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator *BW*
DATE: August 23, 2024
RE: Bills Payable

Attached for review and consideration by the City Council are the bills payable for the period ending August 23, 2024. The bills payable include a refund to Mike Sexauer, Bluff Country LLC, for the completion of the first two buildings in the Horse Track Meadows North development in compliance with the timeline outlined in his agreement with the City. We would suggest that the City Council approve the payment of the bills payable as presented.

Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voided
ABILITY BUILDING CENTER INC						
21394	FD - CLEANING STATION	07/31/2024	251.25	.00		
21394	FD - CLEANING COMM RM	07/31/2024	344.50	.00		
21395	CITY HALL - CLEANING	07/31/2024	106.92	.00		
21395	CITY HALL - SHREDDING	07/31/2024	11.83	.00		
Total 8085:			714.50	.00		
ACUSHNET COMPANY						
918716199	GC - GOLF BALLS FOR RESALE	08/15/2024	510.81	.00		
Total 9469:			510.81	.00		
ALL STAR PRO GOLF INC						
CM21861	GC - TEES FOR RESALE CREDIT	08/13/2024	70.50-	.00		
INV39179	GC - TEES FOR RESALE	08/13/2024	277.40	.00		
INV39237	GC - GLOVES FOR RESALE	08/19/2024	859.52	.00		
Total 51:			1,066.42	.00		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES						
1164-Q6PF-7DK	PD - OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/08/2024	513.13	.00		
13JK-RPDK-4YM	GC - GOLF CAR REPAIRS	07/31/2024	1,031.80	.00		
13QJ-1P43-49G3	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	08/12/2024	17.99	.00		
17LN-3HM7-4RG	LIBRARY - BOOKS	07/29/2024	21.90	.00		
17R9-NFF9-3VC	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	07/30/2024	59.35	.00		
1J34-FF6H-TTFN	PD - OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/12/2024	181.87	.00		
1JDP-CN61-3QC	CITY HALL - OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/12/2024	33.19	.00		
1JDP-CN61-3QC	CITY HALL - CLEANING SUPPLIES	08/12/2024	9.11	.00		
1JDP-CN61-3QC	PARKS - CLEANING SUPPLIES	08/12/2024	18.18	.00		
1NL3-RRNW-3R	LIBRARY - OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/12/2024	49.51	.00		
1NL3-RRNW-6P	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	08/12/2024	18.84	.00		
1QLN-M1FR-7G7	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	08/14/2024	15.95	.00		
1QY3-P6VV-V7V	CITY HALL - OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/05/2024	12.44	.00		
1XJF-17YT-1H3H	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	08/15/2024	17.49	.00		
Total 9956:			2,000.75	.00		
ANCHOR SOLAR INVESTMENTS LLC						
#58	ANIMAL RESCUE - SOLAR	08/01/2024	198.47	.00		
#58	MAINTENANCE BLDG - SOLAR	08/01/2024	387.07	.00		
#58	RADIUM PLANT - SOLAR	08/01/2024	387.07	.00		
Total 9859:			972.61	.00		
BAKER & TAYLOR						
2038400848	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	07/02/2024	248.02	.00		
2038423195	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	07/16/2024	232.96	.00		
2038429550	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	07/19/2024	276.21	.00		
2038445766	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	07/25/2024	534.21	.00		
H69474390	LIBRARY - MOVIES GRANT FUNDED	07/15/2024	70.47	.00		
H69637560	LIBRARY - MOVIES GRANT FUNDED	07/26/2024	14.99	.00		
H69637561	LIBRARY - MOVIES GRANT FUNDED	07/26/2024	29.99	.00		
H69637562	LIBRARY - MOVIES GRANT FUNDED	07/26/2024	18.73	.00		
H69765560	LIBRARY - MOVIES GRANT FUNDED	07/26/2024	26.24	.00		

Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voided
Total 8022:			1,451.82	.00		
BLUFF COUNTRY LLC						
DEPOSIT REFU	DEPOSIT REFUND - 713,715,717,719 TRIFECTA	08/21/2024	10,000.00	.00		
Total 9777:			10,000.00	.00		
BOB'S SERVICE						
669969	FD - NEW WATER HEATER	08/05/2024	1,934.84	.00		
669983	FD - REPLACE BATHROOM FAUCET	08/13/2024	875.00	.00		
713352	POOL - REPAIR TOILET	08/08/2024	93.90	.00		
Total 8841:			2,903.74	.00		
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC						
85423905	FD - MEDICAL SUPPLIES	07/22/2024	136.76	.00		
85428941	CITY HALL - FIRST AID KIT	07/25/2024	44.87	.00		
Total 9621:			181.63	.00		
BREYER'S SALES AND SERVICE INC						
19180	GC - OIL FOR EQUIPMENT	07/12/2024	30.99	.00		
Total 131:			30.99	.00		
CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY						
938793593	GC - GOLF BALLS FOR RESALE	08/14/2024	923.76	.00		
Total 8637:			923.76	.00		
CINTAS CORPORATION						
4197347650	CITY HALL - MATS, CLEANING RAGS & TOWELS	07/01/2024	76.73	.00		
4197347728	GC- CLEANING RAGS FOR CLUBHOUSE AND SHOP	07/01/2024	46.28	.00		
4198766389	CITY HALL - MATS, CLEANING RAGS & TOWELS	07/15/2024	76.73	.00		
4198766485	GC- CLEANING RAGS FOR CLUBHOUSE AND SHOP	07/15/2024	36.66	.00		
4200186102	CITY HALL - MATS, CLEANING RAGS & TOWELS	07/29/2024	76.73	.00		
4200186215	GC- CLEANING RAGS FOR CLUBHOUSE AND SHOP	07/29/2024	53.01	.00		
Total 9696:			366.14	.00		
CITY OF WINONA						
202408122557	LIBRARY - BOOKS GRANT FUNDED	08/13/2024	518.40	.00		
Total 247:			518.40	.00		
CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE						
197765 - JULY	WASTEWATER TO LA CROSSE	07/31/2024	33,782.24	.00		
Total 1086:			33,782.24	.00		
CORKY'S PIZZA & ICE CREAM						
8/14/2024	CITY - ELECTIONS	08/14/2024	278.79	.00		
8/17/2024	FD - TRAINING	08/17/2024	58.20	.00		
Total 241:			336.99	.00		

Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voided
DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES						
8/6/24-8/12/24	WEEKLY RECREATIONAL VEH. REGIST.	08/12/2024	993.37	993.37	08/16/2024	
Total 318:			993.37	993.37		
DOBECK, RHODA						
7/24 LIBRARY	LIBRARY- CLEANING	07/31/2024	195.75	.00		
Total 10098:			195.75	.00		
EARL F ANDERSEN INC						
0137075-IN	PARKS - NATIVE PRAIRIE & CLEAN WATER SIGNS	08/14/2024	212.80	.00		
0137083-IN	STREET - REPLACEMENT SIGNS	08/14/2024	766.75	.00		
Total 404:			979.55	.00		
ECKBERG LAMMERS, P.C.						
A32695	PD - TRAINING FOR R. CLARK	07/23/2024	599.00	.00		
Total 10209:			599.00	.00		
EFTPS - ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX						
8/16/24 P/R	FED/FICA/MEDICARE	08/21/2024	27,309.96	27,309.96	08/21/2024	
Total 1127:			27,309.96	27,309.96		
EPOCH EYEWEAR						
INV-019507	GC - SUNGLASSES FOR RESALE	08/15/2024	214.33	.00		
Total 9519:			214.33	.00		
GRAF ELECTRIC, INC.						
23514	FD - WIRE NEW WATER HEATER	08/01/2024	175.99	.00		
Total 619:			175.99	.00		
HAWKINS INC.						
6831533	POOL - CHEMICALS	08/06/2024	2,468.38	.00		
6836990	WATER PLANT - CHEMICALS	08/15/2024	40.00	.00		
Total 512:			2,508.38	.00		
HOUSTON CNTY TREASURER						
1438	PD - TRAINING ANNUAL IN-SERVICE	08/09/2024	200.00	.00		
Total 751:			200.00	.00		
LA CRESCENT AREA EVENT CENTER, INC.						
7/24 LODGING T	LODGING TAX - MARKETING & PROMO AGREEMENT	08/19/2024	1,570.22	.00		
Total 9810:			1,570.22	.00		
LA CRESCENT CHAMBER OF COMMERC						
7/24 LODGING T	LODGING TAX - MARKETING & PROMO AGREEMENT	08/19/2024	1,570.22	.00		
Total 1142:			1,570.22	.00		

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LA CROSSE AREA CONVENTION AND						
7/24 LODGING T	LODGING TAX - MARKETING & PROMO AGREEMENT	08/19/2024	4,911.96	.00		
Total 9824:			4,911.96	.00		
LA CROSSE GLASS & OVERHEAD DOOR CO.						
350255	CITY HALL - FRONT DOOR REPAIR	08/15/2024	115.50	.00		
Total 2471:			115.50	.00		
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST						
23091	WC DEDUCTIBLE - GC	08/01/2024	1,000.00	.00		
9153	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE - WATER METER LEAK	08/21/2024	1,000.00	.00		
Total 1116:			2,000.00	.00		
MATHY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC						
5200023498	STREET PATCH	08/10/2024	858.81	.00		
Total 1303:			858.81	.00		
MAYO CLINIC AMBULANCE SERVICE						
2047070	CPR CLASS	07/26/2024	85.00	.00		
Total 8150:			85.00	.00		
MENARDS-LA CROSSE						
2026	GC - CLEANING SUPPLIES	07/24/2024	70.03	.00		
2026	GC - COURSE MAINTENANCE	07/24/2024	53.46	.00		
2026	GC - RAIN SHELTERS	07/24/2024	275.39	.00		
2026	GC - SAFETY GLOVES	07/24/2024	32.94	.00		
2026	GC - VEHICLE MAINT	07/24/2024	17.45	.00		
2026	GC - FANS FOR CLUBHOUSE	07/24/2024	69.98	.00		
2499	GC - PAVERS FOR RAIN SHELTERS	08/07/2024	401.52	.00		
Total 1352:			920.77	.00		
MIDWEST TAPE						
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7/24 STMT	ELECT UTILITIES-GC IRRIGATION & PARKING LOTS LIGH	07/31/2024	1,129.79	1,129.79	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	ELECT UTILITIES - HORSETRACK MEADOWS LIFT STATI	07/31/2024	135.11	135.11	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	ELECT UTILITIES - WIESER PARK	07/31/2024	346.21	346.21	08/19/2024	
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Total 9597:			497.46	497.46		
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8/16/24 P/R	MN STATE WHT	08/20/2024	4,848.00	4,848.00	08/20/2024	
Total 227:			4,848.00	4,848.00		
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7/24 STMT	PUMP HOUSE MCINTOSH	07/31/2024	24.74	24.74	08/19/2024	
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MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC.						
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9174	WATER - CROWDSTRIKE EMERGENCY OUTSIDE OF CON	07/23/2024	22.50	.00		
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9174	PD - CROWDSTRIKE EMERGENCY OUTSIDE OF CONTRA	07/23/2024	67.50	.00		
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1352085	GC - BEER FOR RESALE	08/15/2024	238.60	.00		
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8/9/24	MEDICAL REIMB P/R DEDUCTED-	08/13/2024	41.90	41.90	08/13/2024	
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RONCO ENGINEERING SALES INC						
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Total 1813:			255.00	.00		
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4184	GC - ADVERTISING	08/05/2024	150.00	.00		
Total 9513:			150.00	.00		
TOM NIEBELING LANDSCAPING LLC						
15916	GC - BLACK DIRT FOR COURSE	08/14/2024	778.05	.00		
Total 1407:			778.05	.00		
VERIZON WIRELESS						
9970168556	WATER DEPT - DATA	07/28/2024	35.01	.00		
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Total 8973:			635.06	.00		
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Total 8605:			8.00	.00		
WHKS & CO.						
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51864	SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ASSISTANCE	07/26/2024	170.00	.00		
51864	RR COORDINATION	07/26/2024	170.00	.00		
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7/24 STMT	LIFT STATION - 1450 HWY 16	07/31/2024	27.29	27.29	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	ABNET FIELDS - 1323 SPRUCE	07/31/2024	18.49	18.49	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	WELL HOUSE - 200 STONEY PT RD	07/31/2024	1,271.58	1,271.58	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	CITY HALL - 315 MAIN ST	07/31/2024	853.16	853.16	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	UNIT STREET LIGHTS - 33 S WALNUT	07/31/2024	3.61	3.61	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	LIFT STATION - 31 MCINTOSH RD E	07/31/2024	13.37	13.37	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	STREET LIGHTS - PO BOX 142	07/31/2024	6,679.19	6,679.19	08/19/2024	
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7/24 STMT	FLAG LIGHT - 202 MAIN ST	07/31/2024	4.31	4.31	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	LIBRARY - 321 MAIN ST	07/31/2024	157.55	157.55	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	WWTP - 222 HWY 16	07/31/2024	439.94	439.94	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	RESERVOIR - 1026 CRESCENT HILLS	07/31/2024	10.85	10.85	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	BOOSTER STATION - 193 MCINTOSH E	07/31/2024	55.67	55.67	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	WELL #2 - 400 LARCH	07/31/2024	920.80	920.80	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	WELL #3 - 417 WALNUT PL	07/31/2024	1,578.61	1,578.61	08/19/2024	
7/24 STMT	POOL - 608 S 7TH	07/31/2024	1,950.82	1,950.82	08/19/2024	
Total 1410:			14,319.58	14,319.58		
Grand Totals:			190,948.29	73,082.50		

Dated: _____

Mayor: _____

City Council: _____

City Recorder: _____

City Treasurer: _____

Report Criteria:

Detail report.

Invoices with totals above \$0 included.

Paid and unpaid invoices included.

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CITY OF LA CRESCENT
Department of Police
Chief Luke M. Ahlschlager



August 14, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City Administrator Bill Waller

RE: La Crescent Police Department Officer Oath of Honor – Officer Josh DeBoer & Officer Tanner Weinfurtner

In June 2024, the Council approved the hiring of Peace Officer Josh DeBoer, and in August 2024, the Council approved the hiring of Peace Officer Tanner Weinfurtner.

I respectfully request that Officers Josh DeBoer and Tanner Weinfurtner take the Oath of Honor in front of the La Crescent City Council.

Sincerely,

Luke Ahlschlager
Chief of Police

CITY OF LA CRESCENT

Department of Police

Chief Luke M. Ahlschlager



La Crescent Police Department Officer Oath of Honor

I [state your name] do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Police Officer to the best of my ability.

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the Constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.

La Crescent Chief of Police

Officer

La Crescent Mayor

(witness/notary)

La Crescent City Administrator

Date

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CITY OF LA CRESCENT

Department of Police

Chief Luke M. Ahlschlager



August 22, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

City Administrator Bill Waller

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of increasing concern that has the potential to significantly impact our community. As you may be aware, the City of La Crosse recently passed a new ordinance banning camping on all city-owned property, which will be enforced starting August 28, 2024. The ordinance aims to address concerns about unsheltered individuals living in unsafe conditions. Enforcement will begin with warnings issued by the police, requiring individuals to vacate unauthorized campsites within one hour. If they do not comply, citations will be issued. The city is working with local agencies to support those affected, but the resources are limited, making enforcement a necessary step.

This action has raised concerns about a potential influx of unsheltered individuals into neighboring communities, including the City of La Crescent. In light of this development, I believe it is imperative that we proactively consider and implement measures to address this issue.

I propose that the City of La Crescent adopt an ordinance prohibiting camping in all city parks and on city-owned rights of way. Such ordinances would not only align with the recent actions taken by La Crosse but also serve to protect the safety, security, and welfare of our community.

Rationale for the Proposed Ordinance:

Public Safety: Unauthorized camping in public spaces can lead to increased safety risks, including potential fire hazards, improper waste disposal, and increased calls for service. Implementing these ordinances would enable our department to maintain public safety effectively.

Community Impact: The presence of unsheltered individuals camping in public areas can impact the quality of life for residents, deter use of public spaces, and create additional burdens on city services.

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Department of Police

Chief Luke M. Ahlschlager

Consistency with Regional Efforts: By aligning our policies with those of neighboring municipalities, we can present a united front in managing this issue and mitigate the displacement effects that may arise from La Crosse's recent ordinance.

Resource Allocation: Proactively addressing this potential issue will allow us to allocate resources efficiently and ensure that the La Crescent Police Department is prepared to manage any increased demand for services.

Proposed Action: I recommend that the City Council consider the following actions:

Drafting and Adoption of Ordinance: Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting camping in all city parks and on city-owned rights of way, with appropriate penalties for non-compliance.

I believe these steps are necessary to protect our community and ensure that the City of La Crescent remains a safe and welcoming environment for all. I look forward to your feedback and am prepared to assist in any way to move this initiative forward.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,



Chief Luke Ahlschlager
La Crescent Police Department

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator *BW*
DATE: August 22, 2024
RE: Authorize Expenditure

We are suggesting that the City Council approve the following expenditure:

1. The La Crescent Community Ice Arena exterior walls and doors need painting. The following proposals were obtained to perform the work:

- Rucker Painting, Inc. - \$72,364.00
- Villand & Son, Inc. - \$75,558.00

Lancer Youth Hockey has agreed to pay 50% of the project costs, and the City's 2024 general fund budget includes funds necessary to cover the City's 50% contribution to the project. Based on this, we would suggest that the City Council accept the proposal submitted by Rucker Painting, Inc.

#3.4



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator *Bill*
DATE: August 22, 2024
RE: Lease Agreement – Ready Bus Line

The owners of Ready Bus Line approached the City about leasing space at the City maintenance facility to store the buses that are used to service their contract with the La Crescent-Hokah School District. The buses were previously stored on a portion of the old Commodore property adjacent to Chestnut Street. That property recently sold, and is intended to be redeveloped as a retail cannabis store.

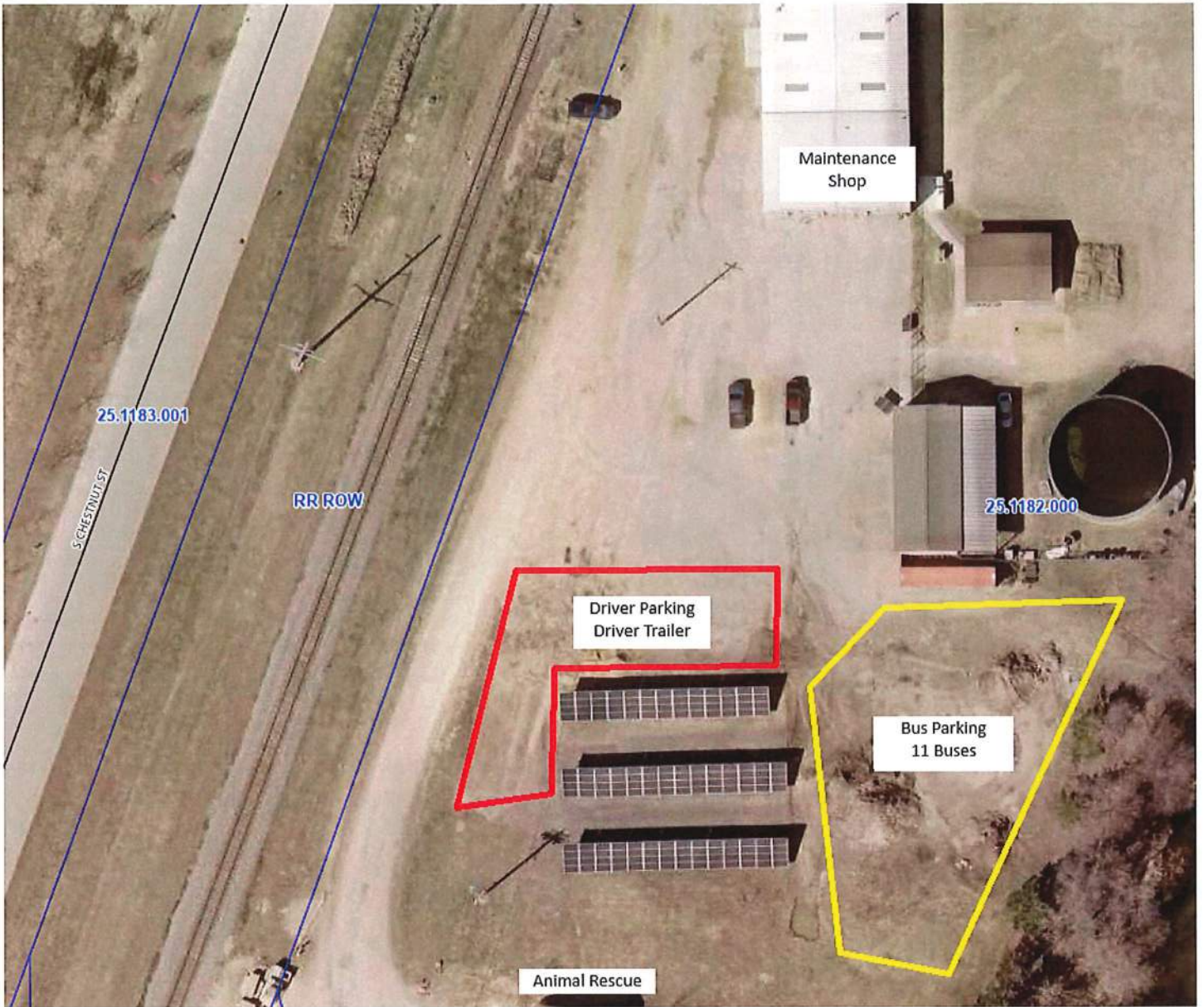
Site plans are included of the area intended to be leased to Ready Bus Line, along with a site plan for the redevelopment of the Commodore property.

As proposed, Ready Bus Line would lease the property from the City for \$1,500 per month. In addition, Ready Bus Line would be responsible for all site improvements related to their use of the area.

The property owned by the City is zoned industrial, and the proposed use of the property is consistent with the permitted uses identified in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

We are suggesting the City Council approve in concept a one-year lease agreement between the City and Ready Bus Line. The formal lease agreement will be brought back to a future City Council meeting for approval. As the 2024/2025 school season will begin in the next few weeks, Ready Bus Service will use the site between now and the adoption of the formal lease agreement.

Ready Bus Line has indicated that if the site works as anticipated, that they would be interested in entering into a five- or six-year lease of the property.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, City Council

FROM: Larry Kirch, Community Development Director

DATE: August 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Council Update - Blandin Foundation Grant for Overlook Plaza – Indigenous History Project

The city is wrapping up a summer project that continues the work of developing an Indigenous History Project at Overlook Plaza. This summer, the city was fortunate to have two summer scholars, Camile Warnacutt and Jules Marzec from the University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) to further engage the Indigenous community on this project. Their work builds off of the work of a spring semester UofM RCP Graduate Capstone Project. Jules Marzec, PhD Student and RCP Summer Scholar will give a brief presentation at the council meeting. We have been fortunate to again work with Mike Greco, Program Director and Stina Kielsmeier-Cook, Program Coordinator from the University of Minnesota, RCP this summer.

Spring Capstone

- Developed Guiding Principles for Indigenous engagement
- Interviewed Indigenous community members
- Obtained input on examples of Indigenous history art and history installations
- Attended Ho-Chunk Founders Day Event in La Crosse
- Summary Report and Recommendations

Summer RCP Scholars

- Case Studies for Indigenous engagement and art/history installations in Red Wing and Dakota County Parks
- Additional Indigenous community interviews
- La Crescent community engagement via PlaceIt! Activity
- Ho-Chunk Youth Group outing to La Crescent
- Summary Report and Recommendations

Indigenous History Project Advisory Committee: Final Report of RCP Summer Scholars

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Wieser Park Pavilion/Teams Meeting



Welcome and Introductions

- Mayor Mike Poellinger
- Advisory Committee Members
- UofM Resilient Communities Project (RCP)
- RCP Summer Scholars

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Meeting Topics

- **Two Case Studies:**
 - City of Red Wing and Prairie Island Indian Community
 - Dakota County Parks
- **Interviews with Indigenous community members**
- **Community Placell! Activity on 8/13/24**
- **Ho-Chunk Youth Group Explore La Crescent on 8/14/24**
- **Future Work Efforts**
 - Workgroup 1 - Overlook Plaza Design/Naming
 - Workgroup 2 - Educational Plan with La Crescent - Hokah Schools
 - Workgroup 3 - Acknowledgement Statement, MOU/MOA, and/or Programmatic Agreement

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Case Studies - Red Wing, MN

1. **Personal Connections**
 - a. Event Hosting
 - b. Community engagement
2. **Communication & Timeline**
 - a. Process over product
 - b. Flexibility
 - c. Compensation
3. **Mistakes and Learning**
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Accountability



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Case Studies - Dakota County, MN

1. Personal Engagement with Tribes
2. Emphasizing indigenous experiences and perspectives
3. Tribes are still here!



Bison Prairie



Black Dog Village



Minnesota Greenway Interpretive Plan



Spring Lake Park Master Plan

Interviews with Community Members

"The importance of water stories for the communities was the differentiation from and the realization that the Dakota people are not buffalo people. We weren't plains people. We were woodland people. We lived along the water, and a lot of our stories and early songs, when you look at that river valley, a lot of the the images and the cultural focus was on the water beings, the power of the water, the the relationship to that place."



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"To highlight some of those stories that are contemporary Dakota. How we still connect to this area, how we still utilize the resources in this area...To talk about the contemporary connection as well as the historical connection to this place as a displaced people. Those of us who are back in our aboriginal territory, I think it's our responsibility to create pathways back for our Dakotas to reconnect to these landscapes and these places of importance. So that's another big goal I know of Dakota people— On reconnecting to this part of Minnesota"



Interview Recommendations

- Recommendations
- Develop a land co-management plan
 - Create a space Native people can come back to and use.
 - Identify areas where people are welcome to do traditional practices.
 - Is the pizza a piece that people can use to reconnect to the land?
 - Educate the public on the importance and significance of burial grounds
 - Educate the public on the historical and contemporary significance of treaty negotiations.
 - Create "living signs"
 - to allow the narrative to keep growing so that it's not static and locked in a certain point in time.
 - Interpretation in multiple languages
 - Create and maintain strong relationships with Ho Chunk and Prairie Islands
 - The story of Ho-Chunk people who never left needs to be told and acknowledged



Placelt! Activity



Table 1 - Designing a Park with a Garden and Play area

Key themes:



- Four plaques with a story of what happened in each direction (N/S/E/W)
- Garden in the middle
- Water feature (maintenance concerns)
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Play area/feature for kids (animal to climb on)

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Table 2 - Creating an interactive living monument to honor Native American history



Key themes:

- QR codes with Native voices telling the history of the area from a Native perspective
- Indigenous plants
- Voices of current Native residents ("we're still here")

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Table 3 - Creating a cultural sanctuary featuring native plants, languages, and Augmented Reality (AR) features



- Signage, QR codes, and AR features
- Circular space in center with a medicine wheel (colors dyed into concrete), oriented N/S/E/W
- Water features
- Benches along outer edge
- Local indigenous flora and fauna
- Incorporating native languages (spoken word) and cultural content
- Using native plants as a visual barrier to create a sense of entering a sacred space
- Translating this design to other locations, such as Verch park, to create a sanctuary that speaks to the sacredness of indigenous cultures

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Table 4 - Incorporating indigenous art, plants, water, and interactive elements



Key Themes:

- Interactive and informative exhibit with plaques showing where each tribe originated from, where they went for trade, etc.
- Indigenous artwork
- Medicine wheel
- "Circles and cycles"
- Fountain/water feature or artwork on the ground to symbolize river and bluffs
- Native plants (trees; three sisters garden; sage, tobacco, cedar, sweetgrass)

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Ho-Chunk Youth Outing to Explore La Crescent on 8/14/24



Apple Blossom Scenic Overlook - view of Ho-Chunk WWII Code Talkers Memorial Highway

Neutral Ground (Skunk Hollow Road) - history lesson

Overlook Plaza site - burial mound map



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Ongoing Work Group Structure

- A. **Workgroup 1** - Overlook Plaza Design/Naming
 - i. RFP for Call for Indigenous Artists
- B. **Workgroup 2** - Educational Plan with La Crescent/Hokah Schools
 - i. MN DOE Tribal Liaison, La Crescent Public Library, local schools, Resource Committee members
- C. **Workgroup 3** - Acknowledgement Statement, MOU/MOA, and/or Programmatic Agreement
 - i. Work with THPOs from Ho-Chunk Nation, PIIC, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Meskwaki Nation, others?

Fall 2024 Schedule

Plaza Design

- Call for Artists
- Artist Selection
- Award Design Agreement
- Design Review & Approval
- Site Design
- Bidding
- Installation Spring 2025

Educational - Curriculum

Confer with MN Dept of Education, our 3 Schools, Public Library, Resource Committee members and outline a process for creating learning experiences and curriculum for youth

Acknowledgement, MOA/MOU/PA

Contact all THPOs and gage interest. Outline the Process for Study and Drafting of Acknowledgement Statement, along with Action Steps to accompany the Statement. Prepare MOU/PA? 12 month process

Thank you!

- Confirm Workgroup Interests
- Next Meeting(s) - logistics, stipends, etc.
- Anything we missed?

Growing from River to Ridge



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RESOLUTION NO. 08-24-28

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION MADE TO THE
CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN AUGUST 2024**

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

1. Bluff Country Family Resources wishes to donate \$100.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor's Night Out.
2. Laverne Jones wishes to donate \$10.00 to the LCPD/Neighbor's Night Out.
3. Doris and Jerry Bertilson wish to donate \$2000.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
4. La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership wishes to donate \$100.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.
5. Jim and Carole Gehrig wish to donate \$50.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department in memory of Greg Schild.

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 August 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, City Council Members
FROM: Larry Kirch, Community Development Director
DATE: August 26, 2024
SUBJECT: AED Grants WPS Foundation and Houston County Health and Human Services

WPS Foundation AED Grant

The city applied for and was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the WPS Foundation to install an AED in the Fire Station-Community Center Building. The WPS Foundation is the charitable arm of the WEC Energy Group and grants are funded by stockholders of the WEC Energy Group. The WEC Energy Group is "one of the nation's largest electric generation and distribution and natural gas delivery holding companies, with the operational expertise and financial resources to serve the Midwest's energy needs safely, reliably and responsibly." The grant fits in with the Heart Safe Community committee's plan to install AED's in all city buildings and parks. As part of the grant, the city agrees to place a story and picture on the city website of the grant information and include the WPS Foundation in the news story. The city will also issue a press release about the grant and AED placement and the Heart Safe Community initiative with a press conference when the AED is unveiled. This site was selected as it is the location for senior meals and is now the city council and planning commission meeting room as well as used for a variety of community meetings.

Houston County Health and Human Services

Chief Ahlschlager applied to Houston County Health and Human Services Department for several AED's that are part of county funds received from Opioid settlements. It appears that the city will receive one or two AEDs. One AED will be installed at the Wieser Park Pavilion on the outside of the building in a climate-controlled cabinet.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator *Bill*
DATE: August 21, 2024
RE: Personnel Committee Recommendation

The Personnel Committee has the following recommendation for consideration by the City Council:

1. That the City Council approve the promotion of Vernon D. Bridwell Jr. to the Training/Safety Officer position in the Fire Department. A letter from the Fire Chief regarding this recommendation is included.
2. That the City Council accept Mark Abraham's retirement/resignation as the City's Baseball Director. A copy of Mr. Abraham's letter is included. With the reassignment of these responsibilities, it will not be necessary for the City to fill this position.



La Crescent Fire/Rescue

To: Personnel Committee
La Crescent City Council
Bill Waller – City Administrator

From: Chief Tom Paulson

Date: 8/14/2024

RE: Training Officer Promotion

Fire Department Hiring Recommendation:

The La Crescent Fire Department has completed interviews Training Officer candidates. The Fire Department respectfully requests permission to promote Vernon D. Bridwell Jr. to the role of Training/Safety officer.

Vernon has been a dedicated member of the department for 2 years and will be successful in the new assignment.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Paulson".

Tom Paulson
Fire Chief
La Crescent Fire Department

August 19, 2024

City of La Crescent
315 Main St.
La Crescent, MN

After 27-years of holding the position of Director of Recreational Baseball for the City of La Crescent, I've decided that the time has come to resign/retire from the job.

I wish to thank the City of La Crescent for trusting me to serve the youth of the community in this capacity. The relationships it enabled me to build with the participants and their parents, along with the City staff, have truly enriched my life.

Going forward, should you have any questions regarding the Rec Baseball program, please do not hesitate to contact me, as my hope is that the program will continue to flourish in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark S. Abraham".

Mark S. Abraham
1603 Grandview Terrace So
La Crescent, MN 55947

#3.9



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: August 22, 2024
RE: Cannabis Moratorium Ordinance

At the meeting the City Attorney will review with City Council options related to the cannabis moratorium ordinance.

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La Crescent Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes
La Crescent Chamber of Commerce and Tourism - Keep Company Conference Room
July 8, 2024

1. Call to Order: Chair Sarah DeLacy called meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Members Present: Sarah DeLacy, Michael Welch, Lori Kadlec, Brett Kemmer, Troy Nolop and ex-officio City Council Member Cherryl Jostad.
Members Absent – Alan Voss, (excused), Honor DiDionato (excused)
Staff Present - Larry Kirch, Community Development Director, Brian Meeter, Chamber Executive Director
4. Approval of Agenda: Mike Welch, made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Troy Nolop, the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of June 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Welch to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting, seconded by Lori Kadlec, the motion carried unanimously.
6. Staff Report:
 - a. Draft Commissioner Job Description: Larry asked if there were any changes or suggestions to the draft Job Description. There were none. Everyone agreed that it was good to have this document available and for purposes of giving to new members or in the recruitment of new members.
 - b. Economic Development Element 2017 Comprehensive Plan: Larry had sent a PDF version of the Economic Development Element of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan to the Committee for their review. Larry noted that there were 23 strategies in the plan element that the EDC could look to as part of their role for the city. Larry went through a few of these and notes that the City Planning Commission did the same for the Comprehensive Plan a few years ago. Larry suggested that he could put the Economic Development Element strategies in a grid format and then add notes as to whether the item had been addressed or if it were something that the EDC could/should work on.
 - c. Updated Project List/Workplan: Larry went through the spreadsheet item by item and reviewed the status of the projects and grant applications that the city is working on.

The City of La Crosse did not receive a federal discretionary RAISE Grant they were hoping for to augment the bike ped improvements between the Cass Street bridge and the new Phase 4 West Channel Bridge. The project continues to move forward with city's consultant SEH.

Walnut Street Corridor planning –The city waits to hear if the federal Congressionally Designated Spending (CDS) program for \$2 million dollar remains in the appropriations bill. There were no funds on the House side but on the Senate the project is still in the bill. The city will hear in August if the project request stays on the Senate list. If not on the August list, it will not get funded. The city waits to hear about the MnDEED Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) for \$600,000. The total cost of the project is approximately \$5,400,000. If the CDS program does not fund the project, the city will have to reapply for the bonding bill funds in June of 2026.

The Root River Trail Extension / MOA to Jointly Cooperate: The Root River Trail Extension – Citizens Exploratory Committee approved the Trail Plan. The City of La Crescent and the City of Houston and Houston County have approved the plan. The City of Hokah is hopefully going to approve the trail plan on August 6th. The city continues to meet with MnDOT officials on the \$30,000 IJA Technical Assistance Grant which will now include both the trail segment noted above as well as the portion from S 14th Street to Miller’s Corner from S 14th Street. The city was accepted as a member of the Root River Trail Towns organization. Brian is invited to attend those monthly meetings. The city was applying for a Federal Discretionary Grant called ATIP or Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program for Planning and Design for the Root River Trail extension.

Overlook Plaza – The city continues to work with UofM through its Resilient Communities Program called RCP Scholars Program over the summer. The two graduate students are doing two case studies on Red Wing and Dakota County Parks and conducting more interviews. The city continues to work toward creating a design for the plaza.

Kwik Trip - The city staff will reach out again to Kwik Trip store planners on any updates. Bauer’s market properties are not listed for sale as of yet. Some research can be done on the old Montessori school building at Main/Oak on its viability for redevelopment. Larry indicated that sometimes when city’s make improvements like Walnut Street or a new City Hall, that it spurs redevelopment on nearby properties. Larry has to close out the Arlyn Falk grant related to Keep Company. Houston County was a primary mover of this project in the initial SMIF grant along with the city and the chamber and the city is the fiscal agent for the Arlyn Falck grant and hired the intern last summer. The city worked with the intern to come up with a business plan. The city, county and the Chamber worked together to bring in the Office Works to manage the day-to-day aspects of Keep Company and place the space as part of the Rural Ideas Network.

The city continues to put together the data and federal forms that make up a preliminary application to the USDA Rural Development program for loan funds for the city hall, police station and library. There are also Library grants available through the State. Several funding sources will likely be needed to complete these projects.

d. Tax Increment Financing – TIF 101 Handout: Larry had thought he attached something to previous agendas but had not. Larry said he would send something out via E-mail that was general overview of TIF so that the Committee members could be familiar with TIF in Minnesota.

7. Discussion Items:

a. Member Reports: Brian noted that the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism’s golf outing is coming up next week. The event has a lot more participation than last year. They have a record number of hole sponsors this year. The Chamber continues to work with Explore La Crosse and therefore gets the benefit of regional marketing. The Minnesota Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus is holding their annual meeting this year at the Event Center on October 2-4, 2024. There will be a “Taste of” event with local and regional vendors. The Healthy Community Partnership is looking for new space as part of the city’s project to construct a new city hall and Library.

Cherryl mentioned that three of the four twindominiums were under construction and that one was sold and that another had an offer accepted.

Troy mentioned that the contractor was playing catch-up because of all the rain and that they were to start pouring footings later this week. Troy mentioned that the city was going to have a hearing on a cannabis moratorium.

Other Items – None

8. Next Meeting Date/Time: The next meeting is set for Monday, August 5th, 2024 at the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Building at 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn: Mike Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Troy Nolop, the motion carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Larry Kirch