

MINUTES, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special City Council of the City of La Crescent was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following members were present: Members Cheryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: Ryan Hutchinson. Also present were, City Administrator Bill Waller and City Clerk Angie Boettcher.

Library Director Jess Witkins was also in attendance.

ITEM 4 – REVIEW PROPOSED 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with City Council the requirements needed to approve the proposed 2025 general fund budget. By September 30th, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution setting the preliminary levy and set the date for the public meeting at which time the proposed budget and levy will be discussed, and the final budget and levy determined. As part of the budget review and adoption process, it was noted to City Council that they cannot adopt the 2025 general fund budget until after the public meeting in December, and once the preliminary levy is set, the City Council has the discretion to lower the levy, but the City Council cannot increase the preliminary levy.

City of La Crescent Library Director Jess Witkins reviewed the proposed 2025 library budget with City Council.

ITEM 5 – ADOPT PROPOSED 2025 PRELIMINARY LEVY RESOLUTION

Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council the resolution that sets the preliminary levies for 2025 which was provided to the City Council at the Council meeting. It was recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution presented at the meeting setting the preliminary levies for 2025. The proposed 2025 preliminary resolution reflects a 5% increase. The final total City levy in 2024 was \$3,701,122.00, and the proposed 2025 levy is \$3,886,178.00. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution, and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION 09-24-33

RESOLUTION MAKING PRELIMINARY GENERAL LEVIES FOR

**COLLECTION WITH REAL ESTATE TAXES PAYABLE IN THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota as follows:

1. It is hereby determined and declared that there shall be and there is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the City for the general purposes of the City, as provided by law, to be collected in the year 2025 as part of the general taxes due and payable in the year 2025 a direct ad valorem tax in the amount of \$2,608,988.00 as provided by State law to be levied and collected in the manner provided by law.
2. Be it also hereby determined and declared that there shall be and there is hereby levied upon taxable property within the City of La Crescent for public library service, a tax in the amount of \$196,290.00 to be collected in the year 2025, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 134.33 and 134.34.
3. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the amounts set forth in a column at the right to be levied with taxes to be collected in the calendar year 2025, in conjunction with the various bonds issued and sinking funds described below:

FUND #	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	TO BE LEVIED FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025
325	2016A	G.O. Refunding Rec. Fac. Bonds – Aquatic Center	\$198,700.00
327	2016A	G.O. Improvement Bonds – Oak St. Recon.	\$112,100.00
328	2017A	G.O. Equipment Certificates	\$119,800.00
329	2018A	G.O. Improvement Bonds – Streets/Veterans Park	\$146,500.00
330	2019A	G.O. Equipment Certificates – Fire Truck	\$47,100.00
331	2019B	G.O. Improvement Bonds – Street Recon.	\$34,000.00
332	2020A	G.O. Improvement Bonds – HTM	\$175,700.00
333	2020A	G.O. Bonds – Tax Abatement - Ice Arena	\$12,600.00
334	2022A	G.O. Imp. Bonds/Equip. Cert. & CIP Bonds	\$234,400.00
		TOTAL DEBT SERVICE LEVY	\$1,080,900.00

4. Total levy for the City of La Crescent for collection in 2025 is \$3,886,178.00

ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2024.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

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 resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 6 – SET TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

City Administrator Bill Waller recommended City Council set the date and time for the public meeting as December 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at which time the proposed 2024 general budget and levy will be discussed, and the final budget and levy determined. Following discussion Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO SET THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT WHICH TIME THE PROPOSED 2025 GENERAL BUDGET AND LEVY WILL BE DISCUSSED, AND THE FINAL BUDGET AND LEVY DETERMINED.

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

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
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Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Clerk, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

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 6:09 P.M.

APPROVAL DATE: October 14, 2024

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator