

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the first meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of February was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, February 11, 2019, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Cheryl Jostad, Brian Krenz, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller.

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 – JANUARY 28, 2019
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE - FEBRUARY 7, 2019

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. Item 1.1 was presented with revised Minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting regarding Item 3.4. Following review, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 1.1 – MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2019 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH ITEM 3.4 OF THE MINUTES REVISED.

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

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| Cheryl Jostad | Yes |
| Brian Krenz | 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 1.2 – Bills Payable through February 27, 2019 was presented. Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 1.2 – BILLS PAYABLE – FEBRUARY 7, 2019 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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

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| Brian Krenz | Yes |
| Dale Williams | Yes |
| Mike Poellinger | Yes |

Member Cherryl Jostad and Member Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner abstained from voting and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3.1 – BLUFFLAND COALITION – MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Charlie Handy from La Crosse County was in attendance and made a presentation to City Council about Bluffland's Plan and the Bluffland Coalition. Mr. Handy reviewed the function and initiatives of the Bluffland Coalition. City Council also reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the Bluffland Coalition. The 2019 general fund budget includes funds for the cost of participating in the Bluffland Coalition. Participation in the Bluffland Coalition is consistent with the goals, objectives, and strategies identified in the Natural Systems, Open Spaces and Recreation portion of the City's Comprehensive Plan. It was recommended to City Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize expenditure. Following discussion, Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLUFFLAND COALITION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,100.00 FOR ANNUAL INVESTMENT COMMITMENT.

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

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| Cherryl Jostad | Yes |
| Brian Krenz | 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 3.2 – SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR CONTRACT

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a contract for professional services with Jason Ludwigson to perform services as the City's Sustainability Coordinator. Mr. Ludwigson is a founding member of the City's GreenTeam and coordinated the City's first Arbor Day celebration. In addition, Mr. Ludwigson also serves on the City's Planning Commission. Membership on the Planning Commission will foster the development of initiatives that are consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan while also satisfying best practices identified in the GreenStep program. There are funds in the 2019 general fund budget for the costs associated with this position. In order to continue to move the City's GreenStep and sustainability initiative forward, it was recommended to City Council to approve the contract for professional services with Jason Ludwigson. Following discussion, Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND JASON LUDWIGSON TO PERFORM SERVICES AS THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION TO COME FROM THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

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

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| Cherryl Jostad | Yes |
| Brian Krenz | Yes |
| Dale Williams | Yes |
| Mike Poellinger | Yes |

Member Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner abstained from voting and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES – GREENSTEP MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2019

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the February 4, 2019 La Crescent GreenStep Committee meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The La Crescent Chamber of Commerce updated City Council on the tour of Rushford Schools, the 2nd Annual Block Party, annual Slice of Life 5K Run/Walk, and the Chamber Annual Meeting.

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

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| Cherryl Jostad | Yes |
| Brian Krenz | 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 5:51 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator