

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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 13th, 2023.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cherryl Jostad, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner. Also present were City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Administrator Bill Waller, Police Chief Luke Ahlschlager, City Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson, and Deputy City Clerk Angie Boettcher.

Also present were Peter Lindstrom, Clean Energy Resources Teams (via Zoom).

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 23, 2023
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH – FEBRUARY 10, 2023
- 1.3
- 1.4

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 Williams, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.1 – REVIEW SOLAR INCENTIVES AND FINANCING OPTIONS

City Administrator Waller introduced Peter Lindstrom, Manager for Public Sector and Community Engagement with the Clean Energy Resources Teams to City Council, who presented information to the Council (via Zoom) about solar system financing options and recent changes in laws. The Inflation Reduction Act makes cities eligible to receive 30% solar investment tax credit when they purchase a solar PV system. Other incentives could increase that percentage amount. There are also financial institutes that offer loans to cities for the purchase of solar systems. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.5 – REVIEW SOLAR PROPOSALS

At this time Attorney Wieser recommended to City Council that Item 3.5 be addressed as it correlates with Item 3.1. The city issued a Third-Party Solar Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 22nd, 2022 for the Ice Arena and Aquatic Center. On October 5th, 2022 the city received three proposals for solar PV systems. The City Council adopted a motion for the City Attorney to review the proposal from iDeal Energies at the November 28th, 2022 meeting. Since then, as mentioned in Item 3.1 the Inflation Reduction Act has been introduced. City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson is recommending that Council reject the iDeal Energies solar RFP and authorize City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson to prepare a new RFP which includes information about the direct pay provision for the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) in the RFP and bring back to Council for approval. Following discussion Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO REJECT THE IDEAL ENERGIES SOLAR RFP.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR LUDWIGSON TO PREPARE A NEW RFP WHICH INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIRECT PAY PROVISION FOR THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT IN THE RFP AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.2 – APPLE BLOSSOM POINTE ROADS

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council the road feasibility study agreement by WHKS that was approved to be prepared at the October 24, 2022, Council Meeting. The cost of the study would be \$7,500.00 with the Apple Blossom Pointe Homeowners Association paying ninety (90%) percent and the City paying ten (10%) percent of the cost. The minutes of the Dresbach Township meeting were reviewed and indicated that Apple Blossom Pointe residents were seeking to detach from the City of La Crescent and that the Dresbach Township Board had approved a motion to allow those parcels back to Dresbach Township. It was recommended to City Council not to act on the road feasibility study agreement at this time until the detachment issue is resolved. No action was taken.

ITEM 3.3 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council the following recommendations from the Personnel Committee:

1. That the City Council accept Paul Theede’s resignation from the Fire Department. A letter from the Fire Chief regarding the recommendation was included.

Following discussion Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT PAUL THEEDE’S RESIGNATION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

2. That the City Council authorize the internal posting of the Corporal position in the Police Department. A staffing recommendation will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. A letter from the Chief of Police regarding the recommendation was included.

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERNAL POSTING OF THE CORPORAL POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH A RECOMMENDATION BEING BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.4 – REVIEW AND APPROVE CHANGE TO CITY I/T PROVIDER

City Police Chief Ahlschlager requested approval from City Council to search for a new IT provider for the PD and City Hall. Locknet, the city’s current provider is unable to provide necessary compliance services to the PD. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE POLICE CHIEF AHLSCHLAGER TO SEARCH FOR A NEW IT PROVIDER FOR THE PD AND CITY HALL BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT IT PROVIDER, LOCKNET, CANNOT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY COMPLIANCE SERVICES TO THE PD.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.6 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – 1/10/2023

City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson reviewed with City Council the Planning Commission Minutes from January 10, 2023. The Planning Commission is recommending that City Council approve a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 1120 South Oak Street currently zoned C-1 commercial to allow the use of the space as a school based on the following conditions and findings:

Conditions:

1. This CUP is conditionally approved pursuant to Chapter 12, ZONING ORDINANCE of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, Section 12-06, Conditional Use Permits and the use shall be as set forth in accordance with the application and plans attached and associated to this case and all the provisions of the zoning ordinance and city codes applicable to this case.
2. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.
3. The Fire Marshall approves use of the building
4. The applicant shall obtain any necessary building permits for construction in the rented space.

Findings:

1. The use will not cause traffic hazards or congestion.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 1120 SOUTH OAK STREET WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS AS STATED IN THE JANUARY 10, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.7- REVIEW ADOPT A DRAIN PROGRAM

City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson reviewed with City Council the progress of the Adopt-a-Drain program, which the City has been a part of for the past year. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.8 – WIESER PARK PAVILION BID RESULTS

City Council reviewed for approval a bid from Wieser Brothers General Contractors in the amount of \$622,500.00, with an in-kind donation of \$226,300.00 for the Wieser Park Pavilion Improvement project, contingent upon obtaining all of the required State approvals and the issuance of a building permit. City Staff also recommended that City Council approve change order number 1 for the project, at an additional cost of \$118,962.00 The change order includes the following items:

- The addition of three overhead doors

- The addition of two furnaces
- Increasing the size of the structure by approximately 700 square feet
- A change in the roof trusses to that of a vaulted ceiling
- Additional design/architectural fees

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM WIESER BROTHERS GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,500.00, WITH AN IN-KIND DONATION OF \$226,300.00 FOR THE WIESER PARK PAVILION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CONTINGENT UPON OBTAINING ALL OF THE REQUIRED STATE APPROVALS AND THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE PROJECT AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$118,962.00 TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF THREE OVERHEAD DOORS, TWO FURNACES, INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE STRUCTURE BY APPROXIMATELY 700 SQUARE FEET, A CHANGE IN THE ROOF TRUSSES TO THAT OF A VAULTED CEILING, AND ADDITIONAL DESIGN/ARCHITECTURAL FEES.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.9 – HEART SAFE COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Mayor Poellinger reviewed with City Council the Minnesota Department of Health’s Heart Safe Community Designation Program and the opportunity for the city to become a Heart Safe Community. Many of the requirements for the program are already in place. It was recommended that Council approve the formation of a Heart Safe Program Committee. The Committee would be responsible for completing the paperwork to submit to the State of Minnesota for the program and overseeing the growth to provide additional training to area service clubs, schools, churches, and other organizations, as well as provide more AED’s based on the population. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FORMATION OF A HEART SAFE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.10 – FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

City Deputy Clerk Boettcher reviewed with City Council the Golf Commission’s recommendations for rates for 2023 that were discussed at their January 18, 2023 meeting. City Council reviewed an Ordinance with these fee schedule changes. Following further discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following ordinance and moved its passage and adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 565

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES NO. 404, NO. 483, NO. 492, NO. 500, NO. 540, NO. 542, NO. 544, NO. 545, NO. 548, NO. 552, NO. 564

The City Council of the City of La Crescent, Houston County, Minnesota hereby ordains:

1. The La Crescent City Code established on March 8, 2004, stated that certain fees may be set from time to time by the City Council.
2. The La Crescent City Code was amended on January 13, 2014, February 9, 2015, February 8, 2016, February 24, 2020, April 13, 2020, April 27, 2020, May 18, 2020, December 14, 2020, April 20, 2021, and December 13, 2021, December 19, 2022, by Ordinance to amend certain fees.

3. The Fee Schedule has been reviewed by City Staff and amended each year from 2016 to 2022 by Motions passed by City Council. These amendments passed by City Council shall remain in effect.

4. The City staff has reviewed the fees which the City currently charges and is recommending that the fee schedule be amended as follows:

GOLF

2023 SEASON PASSES – GOOD ANYTIME REQUIRES TEE TIME (ON A 1 ST COME BASIS)	
FAMILY – (2 ADULTS AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 17)	\$555.00 to \$600.00
SINGLE	\$425.00 to \$440.00
SINGLE WITH CAR	\$725.00 to \$750.00
COUPLES WITH CART (2 ADULTS SAME RESIDENCE)	\$950.00 to \$980.00
GOLF CAR TRAIL PASS	\$125.00 to \$140.00 (FOR USE OF PERSONAL RIDING CAR FOR THE SEASON)
<i>\$8.00 to \$9.00 PER PERSON CAR RENTAL add (\$5.00 for additional rounds) /1/2-CAR-FRIDAY/PLAY AT RECIPROCAL COURSES*/SEASON PASSES MAY BE USED FOR LEAGUE PLAY & GROUP OUTING DISCOUNTS WHEN SPECIFIED/NO ADDITIONAL COST TO RIDE ALONE</i>	
2023 DAILY FEES	
9 HOLES add Monday-Thursday	\$13.50 to \$14.00
Add - 9 HOLES Friday – Sunday & Holidays	\$15.00
18 HOLES	\$21.00 OR \$35.00 W/RIDING CART
RIDING CART	\$9.00 to \$10.00 PER PERSON PER 9 HOLES/RIDE ALONE \$13.00 PER PERSON PER 9 HOLES.
PULL CARTS	\$3.50 to \$4.00
TRAIL PASS	\$5.00 to \$6.00 (DAILY RATE FOR USE OF PERSONAL CAR, WITHOUT SEASON TRAIL PASS)
<p>“ALL DAY” RATE WALKING \$25 with car \$40**</p> <p><i>**Subject to availability of tee times, pricing not valid for groups or group outings</i></p>	
DAILY RATE SPECIALS	
<p>“EARLY BIRD” RATE BEFORE 10:00 to 9:00 AM Saturday/Sunday - \$10.00 to \$12.00 GOLF \$8.00-CAR</p> <p>“The NOONER” 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Monday thru Friday to Thursday - \$10.00 to \$12.00 GOLF</p> <p>9 Hole RATE PER PERSON AND EXCLUDES HOLIDAYS</p>	

SENIOR (60+)	
9 HOLES – WEEKDAY to Monday - Thursday	\$11.50 to \$12.00
Add – 9 HOLES Friday – Sunday & Holidays	\$13.00
18 HOLES – WEEKDAY	\$18.00 OR \$32.00 W/RIDING CART
JUNIOR RATES – 11-17 YEARS	
9 HOLES - EVERY DAY to Monday - Thursday	\$6.00 to \$7.00
Add - 9 HOLES Friday – Sunday & Holidays	\$7.00
18 HOLES – EVERY DAY	\$9.00 - MAY RIDE FREE WITH PAID ADULT
JUNIOR RATE (10 AND UNDER)	
9 HOLES – EVERY DAY (ALL DAY) WITH PAID ADULT & RIDE FOR FREE WITH PAID ADULT	\$4.00 to \$5.00
PUNCH CARDS	
5 ROUND GOLF ONLY \$60.00 TO \$65.00/10 ROUND GOLF ONLY \$110.00 TO \$120.00	
5 PUNCH CAR \$40 to \$45.00*/10 PUNCH CAR \$75 to \$80.00*	
5 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$100.00 to \$110.00*/10 ROUND PLAY & RIDE \$185.00 to \$200.00*	
LEAGUE ONLY CARDS—SENIOR 10 ROUND GOLF \$70.00 to \$80.00/SENIOR 10 PUNCH PLAY & RIDE \$140.00 to \$150.00* 6 ROUND MEN’S, LADIES LEAGUE \$50.00 to \$55.00	
LEAGUE RATES	
SENIOR LEAGUE \$8.50 9 HOLES/\$8.50 RIDING CAR MENS, LADIES \$10.00 9 HOLES/\$8.50 RIDING CAR COUPLES LEAGUE \$8.50 9 HOLES/\$8.50 RIDING CAR	
<i>DISCOUNTS FOR GROUP OR COMPANY OUTING – GROUP CATERING AVAILABLE</i>	
*RECIPRICAL COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, MUST CALL FOR TEE TIMES, AND RESCIPRICAL COURSE RESTRICTIONS.	
*PUNCH PLUS \$3.00 WHEN RIDING ALONE USING A RIDING CAR PUNCH CARD	

These fees shall become effective from and after due passage and enactment and publication according to law.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2023.

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, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted by a 4-0 vote.

City Council also reviewed the Summary Ordinance for publication. The Council made the following findings of facts: that the publication of the summary informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

Member Hutchinson then made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION THAT A PRÉCIS FORMAT OF SAID ORDINANCE 563 BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY AND WITH “OFFICIAL COPY” SO MARKED BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.11 – DONATION RESOLUTION

City Council reviewed a Resolution regarding the acceptance of donations to the City for the month of January 2023. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following Resolution and moved its passage and adoption as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23-08

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT WIESER MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent (“La Crescent”) is required by Minn. Stat. § 465.03 to accept donations by Resolution;

WHEREAS, the following donations were made to La Crescent in the month of January 2023 to the Wieser Memorial Park Improvement Project to be used for the specific purpose of improvements to the park shelter and bathroom facilities:

- 1. An Anonymous donor wishes to donate \$25,000.00

WHEREAS, La Crescent agrees to accept the donations for Wieser Memorial Park Subject to the conditions identified above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby accepts the donations stated above for Wieser Memorial Park subject to the conditions identified above.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February 2023.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	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 3.12 – AUTHORIZE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council for authorization the following capital equipment expenditure. The purchase of a used 2013 Toro Groundsmaster 4700-D mower for \$15,569.38 from MTI Distributing for Pine Creek Golf Course. There are funds in the 2022 capital equipment certificate for this expenditure. Authorization from City Council was also requested to sell two used mowers that are no longer used at the golf course. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE OF \$15,569.38 FROM THE 2022 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED 2013 TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4700-D MOWER FOR PINE CREEK GOLF COURSE FROM MTI DISTRIBUTING.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF TWO USED MOWERS THAT ARE NO LONGER USED AT THE GOLF COURSE.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
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Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.13 – HORSE TRACK MEADOWS – LETTER OF CREDIT

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a letter from City Engineer Tim Hruska recommending approval for a reduction in the Letter of Credit for Horse Track Meadows. As part of the development, the Developer agreed to perform several items for Phase 1. These items were completed in the Spring of 2021. WHKS recommends that the warranty period be started retroactively to June 1, 2021, which would end the warranty period for phase 1 for the developer on June 1, 2023. This does not affect the warranty period for Horse Track Meadow West which would begin upon completion of the final bituminous wear course. The Letter of Credit for Horse Track Meadows can be reduced to reflect the work completed so far by the developer. The final bituminous wear course needs to be installed in 2023. The cost of this is estimated to be \$32,000.00. A reduction in the Letter of Credit would cover approximately 125% of this cost which would be \$40,000.00. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR HORSE TRACK MEADOWS TO COVER THE FINAL BITUMINOUS WEAR COURSE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$32,000.00 THE REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT WOULD COVER APPROXIMATELY 125% OF THIS COST WHICH WOULD BE \$40,000.00 AND TO RETROACTIVELY START THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR PHASE 1 OF THE DEVELOPMENT TO JUNE 1, 2023.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.14 – DONATION REQUEST

City Council reviewed a letter from Police Chief Ahlschlager regarding the Crucifixion School Mardi Gras Event to be held on Monday, February 20th, 2023. The Crucifixion School is planning for its annual Mardi Gras Event and they are seeking donations for the event and are hopeful the La Crescent Police Department would consider donating a “Ride to School” with a police officer. A prize certificate would be created and

provided for the event and the winner would schedule a date with the police department for the “Ride to School”. Chief Ahlschlager is asking that Council approve this donation request. Following discussion Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE IN THE FORM OF A DONATION FOR THE CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL MARDI GRAS, A ‘RIDE TO SCHOOL’ WITH A POLICE OFFICER.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.15 – MAYOR FOR A DAY – AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE

City Administrator Waller reviewed with the City Council results of the Mayor for a Day essay contest. Last fall the City Council approved participating in the Mayor for a Day essay contest sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities. Jess Witkins, the City Library Director, and City Council member Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner coordinated the program on behalf of the City. The local schools were invited to participate in the program. In total there were 560 participants statewide. Locally a number of submissions were received from Crucifixion School students. Of the Crucifixion students, one student was recognized as a State winner, another was recognized as a State Honorable Mention winner, and two other students were recognized as local honorees. It was suggested that the City sponsor an Honoree Reception on March 16th, and then the four students would be invited to attend and participate in the March 27th City Council meeting. It was also recommended that City Council authorize a payment of \$300.00 to Ryan Stotts to attend, interview, and write a story about the program and the participants. The story would be posted to the City’s website, included in the spring newsletter, and possibly published in the Houston County News. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$300.00 TO RYAN STOTTS TO ATTEND, INTERVIEW, AND WRITE A STORY ABOUT THE MAYOR FOR A DAY ESSAY PROGRAM AND THE PARTICIPANTS.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

ITEM 3.16 – REVIEW UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council some agenda items for upcoming City Council meetings. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.17 – HOUSTON COUNTY – INTERIM ORDINANCE

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a Houston County notice of public hearing and intent to adopt the interim ordinance and moratorium on the sale of edible cannabinoid products and/or hemp-derived THC food & beverages to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners’ Room at the Houston County Historic Courthouse. It was recommended that City Council approve Attorney Wieser to prepare licensing and zoning guidelines in preparation for the interim ordinance. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY ATTORNEY WIESER TO PREPARE LICENSING AND ZONING GUIDELINES IN PREPARATION FOR THE INTERIM ORDINANCE FOR THE SALE OF EDIBLE CANNABINOID PRODUCTS AND/OR HEMP-DERIVED THC FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mayor Poellinger	Yes

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

8. HOUSTON COUNTY

Houston County Commissioner Dewey Severson was in attendance and provided an update.

9. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce President Sarah DeLacy was in attendance and provided an update.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	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 6:48 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: February 27, 2023

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator