

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
MARCH 22, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of March was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the City Council and City Staff were given the option to attend the meeting by telephone or Zoom. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson (via Zoom), Cheryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Engineer Tim Hruska, and City Administrative Assistant Angie Boettcher.

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 – MARCH 8, 2021
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH MARCH 18, 2021

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 O'Donnell-Ebner 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
Cheryl 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 2 – PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

At 5:30 PM the City Council held a public hearing to consider the tax increment plan for the proposed redevelopment of the old laundromat property at 31 South Walnut Street. Tammy Omdal from Northland Securities (via Zoom) reviewed with City Council the following:

1. The notice of public hearing.
2. Resolution 03-21-13 establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-9. City Council reviewed the plan.
3. Resolution 03-21-14 approving a tax increment financing interfund loan related to the administrative cost for District No. 1-9.
4. Resolution 03-21-15 approving the Development Agreement for the project. City Council reviewed the Development Agreement.

Mayor Poellinger opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments. Mayor Poellinger closed the public hearing.

Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-9 WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE ADOPTION OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN RELATING TO THERETO

WHEREAS:

A. The City of La Crescent, Minnesota (the "City") has proposed (a) the modification of the Development Program for Municipal Development District No. 1 (the "Development District"); (b) the establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-9 (the "TIF District") within the Development District; and (c) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "TIF Plan") relating to the TIF District all pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 through 469.133 and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 through 469.1794, both inclusive, as amended (the "Act"); and

B. The City has performed all actions required by law to be performed prior to the establishment of the TIF District within the Development District and the adoption of the proposed Modified Development Program and TIF Plan relating to thereto, including, but not limited to, notification of Houston County and La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools (ISD No. 300) having taxing jurisdiction over the property to be included in the TIF District; and

D. The City Council of the City has fully reviewed the contents of the Development Program and the TIF Plan, and on this date conducted a public hearing thereon at which the views of all interested persons were heard.

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

1. Development District No. 1. The modification of the Development Program for Development District No. 1 is approved and adopted.

2. Tax Increment Financing (Redevelopment) District No 1-9. Tax Increment Financing (Redevelopment) District No. 1-9 is hereby established within the Development District. The initial boundaries of the TIF District are fixed and determined as described in the TIF Plan.

3. Tax Increment Financing Plan. The TIF Plan is adopted as the tax increment financing plan for the TIF District.

4. Findings. In taking these actions, the City Council makes the following findings:

(a) The TIF District is a redevelopment district as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subd. 10. Parcels consisting of 70 percent of the area of the TIF District are occupied by buildings, streets, utilities, paved or gravel parking lots, or other similar structures and more than 50 percent of the buildings, not including outbuildings, are structurally

substandard to a degree requiring substantial renovation or clearance. The basis for these findings is described in Section 3.03.3 of the TIF Plan.

(b) The proposed redevelopment, in the opinion of the City Council, would not occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future. The anticipated Developer for the project has represented to the City that it will not undertake the project as proposed without the City's use of tax increment financing. Previous City planning attests to the difficulty of redeveloping this site solely through private financing. Due to the necessity of removing structurally substandard buildings, preparing property for redevelopment, and constructing public improvements, the City Council finds that public financing assistance for the redevelopment activities proposed in the TIF Plan is necessary so that other development by private enterprise will occur within the Development District and the TIF District.

(c) The increased market value of the site that could reasonably be expected to occur without the use of tax increment financing would be less than the increase in the market value estimated to result from the proposed redevelopment after subtracting the present value of the projected tax increments for the maximum duration of the TIF District permitted by the TIF Plan. A comparative analysis of estimated market values both with and without establishment of the TIF District and the use of tax increments has been performed as described above. Such analysis is found in Exhibit I of the TIF Plan and indicates that the increase in estimated market value of the proposed redevelopment (less the indicated subtractions) exceeds the estimated market value of the site absent the establishment of the TIF District and the use of tax increments.

(d) The TIF Plan for the TIF District conforms to the general plan for development or redevelopment of the City as a whole. Section 3.02.2 of the TIF Plan contains information used in making this finding.

5. Public Purpose. The adoption of the Development Program for the Development and the TIF Plan for the TIF District conforms in all respects to the requirements of the Act and will help fulfill a need to develop an area of the State which is already built up to provide employment opportunities, to improve the tax base and to improve the general economy of the State and thereby serves a public purpose and will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs for the City as a whole, for the development or redevelopment of the project area by private enterprise in that the intent is to provide only that public assistance necessary to make the private developments financially feasible.

6. Certification and Filing. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution together with a certified copy of the TIF Plan for the TIF District to the

Auditor of Houston County with a request that the original tax capacity of the property within the TIF District be certified to the City pursuant to Section 469.177, Subd. 1 of the TIF Act, and to file a copy of the Development Program and the TIF Plan with the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue and State Auditor as required by the Act.

7. Administration. The administration of the Development District and the TIF District is assigned to the City Administrator who shall from time to time be granted such powers and duties pursuant to the Act as the City Council may deem appropriate.

Adopted this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

City Administrator

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all 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 resolution duly passed and adopted.

Following review and discussion, Member Hutchinson introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERFUND LOAN FOR ADVANCE OF CERTAIN COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-9

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. Background.

1.01. The City of La Crescent (the “City”) has established Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-9 (the “TIF District”) within the Development District No. 1 (the "Development District") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, as amended (the “TIF Act”) and Sections 469.124 to 469.134, as amended.

1.02. Subject to the approval by the City Council of the TIF District after a duly noticed public hearing on the date hereof, the City may incur certain costs related to the TIF District, which costs may be financed on a temporary basis from available City funds.

1.03. Under Section 469.178, Subdivision 7 of the TIF Act, the City is authorized to advance or loan money from any fund from which such advances may be legally made in order to finance expenditures that are eligible to be paid with tax increments under the TIF Act.

1.04 The City has determined that it may be necessary to finance up to \$30,000 in administrative costs associated with the TIF District (the “Administrative Costs”) using City funds legally authorized for such purpose, and to reimburse such funds from tax increments from the TIF District when received

1.08. Accordingly, the City hereby designates the payment of Administrative Costs, as an interfund loan in accordance with the terms of this resolution and the TIF Act.

Section 2. Repayment of Interfund Loan.

2.01. The City hereby authorizes the advance of legally available City funds up to \$30,000 to reimburse the City for Administrative Costs, together with interest at the rate of 4% per annum (the “Interfund Loan”). Interest accrues on the principal amount from the date of closing on conveyance of the Development Property to the Developer under the Contract (hereafter, the “Closing Date”). The interest rate is no more than the greatest of the rate specified under Minnesota Statutes, Section 270C.40 and Section 549.09, both in effect for calendar year 2018, and will not be adjusted.

2.02. Principal and interest ("Payments") on the Interfund Loan shall be paid semi-annually on each August 1 and February 1 (each a “Payment Date”), commencing on the first Payment Date on which the City has Available Tax Increment (defined below), or on any other dates determined by the City Administrator, through the date of last receipt of tax increment from the TIF District.

2.03. Payments on the Interfund Loan will be made solely from Available Tax Increment, which is defined as 10% of tax increment from the TIF District received by the City from Houston County, Minnesota in the six-month period before any Payment Date. Payments shall be applied first to accrued interest, and then to unpaid principal. Simple interest will accrue from the Closing Date, unless otherwise specified by the City Administrator.

2.04. The principal sum and all accrued interest payable under this resolution is pre-payable in whole or in part at any time by the City without premium or penalty.

2.05. This resolution is evidence of an internal borrowing by the City in accordance with Section 469.178, subdivision 7 of the TIF Act, and is a limited obligation payable solely from Available Tax Increment pledged to the payment hereof under this resolution. The Interfund Loan shall not be deemed to constitute a general obligation of the State of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the City. Neither the State of Minnesota, nor any political subdivision thereof shall be obligated to pay the principal of or interest on the Interfund Loan or other costs incident hereto except out of

Available Tax Increment. The City shall have no obligation to pay any principal amount of the Interfund Loan or accrued interest thereon, which may remain unpaid after the final Payment Date.

2.06. The City may at any time make a determination to forgive the outstanding principal amount and accrued interest on the Interfund Loan to the extent permissible under law.

2.07. The City may from time to time amend the terms of this Resolution to the extent permitted by law, including without limitation amendment to the payment schedule and the interest rate; provided that the interest rate may not be increased above the maximum specified in Section 469.178. subd. 7 of the TIF Act.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon execution in full of the Contract.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

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, all 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 resolution duly passed and adopted.

At the request of the Developer, consideration of the Development Agreement was delayed until a future meeting. No action was taken.

City Council reconvened with the schedule of the Regular City Council Meeting.

ITEM 3.1 – RESOLUTION AWARDING SALE OF BONDS

Tammy Omdal of Northland Securities (via Zoom) reviewed with City Council a bond sale summary and a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$770,000 in general obligation sewer revenue refunding bonds. Following review and discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-15

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND AWARDED THE SALE OF \$765,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A AND
PLEDGING NET REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF**

A. WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent, Minnesota (the "City"), owns and operates a municipal water utility system (the "Water System") and a municipal sanitary sewer utility system (the "Sewer System" and together with the Water System, the "System"), and the net revenues of the Sewer System are pledged to the payment of the City's outstanding \$1,210,000 original principal amount of General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, dated March 1, 2012 (the "Prior Bonds"); and

B. WHEREAS, the City Council deems it desirable and in the best interests of the City to provide moneys for a current refunding of \$735,000 aggregate principal amount of the Prior Bonds which mature on and after December 1, 2021 (the "Refunded Bonds"), by calling them for redemption and prepayment on April 27, 2021 (the "Call Date"), all in accordance with the provisions of the resolution of the City Council adopted on January 23, 2012, authorizing the issuance of the Prior Bonds (the "Prior Resolution"); and

C. WHEREAS, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds is necessary and desirable for the reduction of debt service cost to the City; and

D. WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$765,000 General Obligation Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (the "Bonds" or individually, a "Bond"), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 444 and 475 to provide moneys to currently refund the Refunded Bonds on the Call Date; and

E. WHEREAS, the net revenues of the System are pledged to the payment of the City's outstanding (i) "System Portion" of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A, in the original principal amount of \$1,175,000, dated August 1, 2011; (ii) "System Portion" and the "2008A Refunding Portion" of General Obligation Utility Revenue and Crossover Refunding Bond, Series 2015A, in the original principal amount of \$1,960,000, dated September 15, 2015; and (iii) "Utility Improvement Portion" of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016A, in the original principal amount of 3,860,000, dated June 1, 2016; (iv) "Utility Improvement Portion" and the "2012B Refunding Portion" General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019B, in the original principal amount of \$3,235,000, dated December 17, 2019; and (collectively, the "Outstanding System Bonds"); and

A. WHEREAS, no other obligations have been sold pursuant to a private sale within the last twelve calendar months of the date hereof which when combined with this issue would exceed the \$1,200,000 limitations on negotiated sales as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(2); and

B. WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City that the Bonds be issued in book-entry form as hereinafter provided; and

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

1. Acceptance of Offer. The offer of Northland Securities, Inc. (the "Purchaser"), to purchase the Bonds in accordance with the terms and at the rates of interest hereinafter set forth, and to pay therefor the sum of \$753,525.00, plus interest accrued to settlement, is hereby accepted.

2. Bond Terms.

(a) Original Issue Date; Denominations; Maturities; Term Bond Option. The Bonds shall be dated April 27, 2021, as the date of original issue, be issued forthwith on or after such date in fully registered form, be numbered from R-1 upward in the denomination of \$5,000 each or in any integral multiple thereof of a single maturity (the "Authorized Denominations"), and shall mature on December 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$65,000	2027	\$70,000
2022	65,000	2028	70,000
2023	65,000	2029	75,000
2024	65,000	2030	75,000
2025	70,000	2031	75,000
2026	70,000		

As may be requested by the Purchaser, one or more term Bonds may be issued having mandatory sinking fund redemption and final maturity amounts conforming to the foregoing principal repayment schedule, and corresponding additions may be made to the provisions of the applicable Bond(s).

(b) Book Entry Only System. The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York or any of its successors or its successors to its functions hereunder (the "Depository") will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and to this end:

- (i) The Bonds shall be initially issued and, so long as they remain in book entry form only (the "Book Entry Only Period"), shall at all times be in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each maturity of the Bonds; and for purposes of complying with this requirement under paragraphs 5 and 10 Authorized Denominations for any Bond shall be deemed to be limited during the Book Entry Only Period to the outstanding principal amount of that Bond.
- (ii) Upon initial issuance, ownership of the Bonds shall be registered in a bond register maintained by the Bond Registrar (as hereinafter defined) in the name of CEDE & CO, as the nominee (it or any nominee of the existing or a successor Depository, the "Nominee").
- (iii) With respect to the Bonds neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to any broker, dealer, bank, or any other financial institution for which the Depository holds Bonds as securities depository (the "Participant") or the person for which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds shown on the books and records of the Participant (the "Beneficial Owner"). Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, neither the City, nor the Bond Registrar, shall have any such responsibility or obligation with respect to (A) the accuracy of the records of the Depository, the Nominee or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, or (B) the delivery to any Participant, any Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (C) the payment to any

Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any amount with respect to the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, or (D) the consent given or other action taken by the Depository as the Registered Holder of any Bonds (the "Holder"). For purposes of securing the vote or consent of any Holder under this Resolution, the City may, however, rely upon an omnibus proxy under which the Depository assigns its consenting or voting rights to certain Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

- (iv) The City and the Bond Registrar may treat as and deem the Depository to be the absolute owner of the Bonds for the purpose of payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, for the purpose of giving notices of redemption and other matters with respect to the Bonds, for the purpose of obtaining any consent or other action to be taken by Holders for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all purpose whatsoever. The Bond Registrar, as paying agent hereunder, shall pay all principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to the Holder or the Holders of the Bonds as shown on the bond register, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.
- (v) Upon delivery by the Depository to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that the Depository has determined to substitute a new Nominee in place of the existing Nominee, and subject to the transfer provisions in paragraph 10, references to the Nominee hereunder shall refer to such new Nominee.
- (vi) So long as any Bond is registered in the name of a Nominee, all payments with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, by the Bond Registrar or City, as the case may be, to the Depository as provided in the Letter of Representations to the Depository required by the Depository as a condition to its acting as book-entry Depository for the Bonds (said Letter of Representations, together with any replacement thereof or amendment or substitute thereto, including any standard procedures or policies referenced therein or applicable thereto respecting the procedures and other matters relating to the Depository's role as book-entry Depository for the Bonds, collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Letter of Representations").
- (vii) All transfers of beneficial ownership interests in each Bond issued in book-entry form shall be limited in principal amount to Authorized Denominations and shall be effected by procedures by the Depository with the Participants for recording and transferring the ownership of beneficial interests in such Bonds.
- (viii) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to the Holders pursuant to this Resolution by the City or Bond Registrar with respect to any consent or other action to be taken by Holders, the Depository shall consider the date of receipt of notice requesting such consent or other action as the record date for such consent or other action; provided, that the City or the Bond Registrar may establish a special record date for such consent or other action. The City or the Bond Registrar shall, to the extent possible, give the Depository notice of such special record date not less than 15 calendar days in advance of such special record date to the extent possible.

(ix) Any successor Bond Registrar in its written acceptance of its duties under this Resolution and any paying agency/bond registrar agreement, shall agree to take any actions necessary from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Letter of Representations.

(c) Termination of Book-Entry Only System. Discontinuance of a particular Depository's services and termination of the book-entry only system may be effected as follows:

(i) The Depository may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving written notice to the City and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. The City may terminate the services of the Depository with respect to the Bond if it determines that the Depository is no longer able to carry out its functions as securities depository or the continuation of the system of book-entry transfers through the Depository is not in the best interests of the City or the Beneficial Owners.

(ii) Upon termination of the services of the Depository as provided in the preceding paragraph, and if no substitute securities depository is willing to undertake the functions of the Depository hereunder can be found which, in the opinion of the City, is willing and able to assume such functions upon reasonable or customary terms, or if the City determines that it is in the best interests of the City or the Beneficial Owners of the Bond that the Beneficial Owners be able to obtain certificates for the Bonds, the Bonds shall no longer be registered as being registered in the bond register in the name of the Nominee, but may be registered in whatever name or names the Holder of the Bonds shall designate at that time, in accordance with paragraph 10. To the extent that the Beneficial Owners are designated as the transferee by the Holders, in accordance with paragraph 10, the Bonds will be delivered to the Beneficial Owners.

(iii) Nothing in this subparagraph (c) shall limit or restrict the provisions of paragraph 10.

(d) Letter of Representations. The provisions in the Letter of Representations are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of the resolution, and if and to the extent any such provisions are inconsistent with the other provisions of this resolution, the provisions in the Letter of Representations shall control.

3. Purpose; Refunding Findings. The Bonds shall provide funds for a current refunding of the Refunded Bonds (the "Refunding"). It is hereby found, determined and declared that the Refunding is pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, and shall result in a reduction of debt service cost to the City.

4. Interest. The Bonds shall bear interest payable semiannually on December 1 and June 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing December 1, 2021, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, at the respective rates per annum set forth opposite the maturity years as follows:

<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	0.250%	2027	1.100%
2022	0.350	2028	1.100
2023	0.700	2029	1.450
2024	0.700	2030	1.450

2025	0.700	2031	1.450
2026	1.100		

5. Redemption. All Bonds maturing December 1, 2030, and thereafter, shall be subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the City on December 1, 2029, and on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the maturities and the principal amounts within each maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by the City; and if only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for prepayment, the specific Bonds to be prepaid shall be chosen by lot by the Bond Registrar. Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent and to each affected registered holder of the Bonds not more than sixty (60) days and not fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption

To effect a partial redemption of Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar prior to giving notice of redemption shall assign to each Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers so assigned to such Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of such Bonds to be redeemed. The Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of each such Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected. If a Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the City or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the City and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and the City shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Bond, without service charge, a new Bond or Bonds of the same series having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations, as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bond so surrendered.

6. Bond Registrar. Northland Trust Services, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is appointed to act as bond registrar and transfer agent with respect to the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"), and shall do so unless and until a successor Bond Registrar is duly appointed, all pursuant to any contract the City and Bond Registrar shall execute which is consistent herewith. The Bond Registrar shall also serve as paying agent unless and until a successor paying agent is duly appointed. Principal and interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the registered holders (or record holders) of the Bonds in the manner set forth in the form of Bond and paragraph 12.

7. Form of Bond. The Bonds, together with the Bond Registrar's Certificate of Authentication, the form of Assignment and the registration information thereon, shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSTON AND WINONA COUNTY
CITY OF LA CRESCENT

R-_____ \$_____

GENERAL OBLIGATION SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2021A

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	December 1, 20__	April 27, 2021	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS

THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, HOUSTON AND WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA (the "Issuer"), certifies that it is indebted and for value received promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, unless called for earlier redemption, in the manner hereinafter set forth, the principal amount specified above, on the maturity date specified above, and to pay interest thereon semiannually on December 1 and June 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing December 1, 2021, at the rate per annum specified above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) until the principal sum is paid or has been provided for. This Bond will bear interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of original issue hereof. The principal of and premium, if any, on this Bond are payable upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office of Northland Trust Services, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Bond Registrar"), acting as paying agent, or any successor paying agent duly appointed by the Issuer. Interest on this Bond will be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name this Bond is registered (the "Holder" or "Bondholder") on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the Bond Registrar and at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder hereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder hereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given to Bondholders not less than ten days prior to the Special Record Date. The principal of and premium, if any, and interest on this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. So long as this Bond is registered in the name of the Depository or its Nominee as provided in the Resolution hereinafter described, and as those terms are defined therein, payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond and notice with respect thereto shall be made as provided in the Letter of Representations, as defined in the Resolution, and surrender of this Bond shall not be required for payment of the redemption price upon a partial redemption of this Bond. Until termination of the book-entry only system pursuant to the Resolution, Bonds may only be registered in the name of the Depository or its Nominee.

Optional Redemption. The Bonds of this issue (the "Bonds") maturing December 1, 2030, and thereafter, are subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the Issuer on December 1, 2029, and on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the maturities and the principal amounts within each

maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by the Issuer; and if only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for prepayment, the specific Bonds to be prepaid shall be chosen by lot by the Bond Registrar. Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent and to each affected registered holder of the Bonds not more than sixty (60) days and not fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

Prior to the date on which any Bond or Bonds are directed by the Issuer to be redeemed in advance of maturity, the Issuer will cause notice of the call thereof for redemption identifying the Bonds to be redeemed to be mailed to the Bond Registrar and all Bondholders, at the addresses shown on the Bond Register. All Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption have been duly deposited.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption; Partial Redemption. To effect a partial redemption of Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar shall assign to each Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers assigned to the Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed. The Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of such Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected. If a Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the Issuer or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and the Issuer shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of the Bond, without service charge, a new Bond or Bonds of the same series having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations, as requested by the Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bond so surrendered.

Issuance; Purpose; General Obligation. This Bond is one of an issue in the total principal amount of \$765,000, all of like date of original issue and tenor, except as to number, maturity, interest rate, denomination and redemption privilege, which Bond has been issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the City Council of the Issuer on March 22, 2021 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing funds for a current refunding of the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, dated March 1, 2012, which mature on December 1, 2021, and thereafter. This Bond is payable out of the General Obligation Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A Fund of the Issuer. This Bond constitutes a general obligation of the Issuer, and to provide moneys for the prompt and full payment of its principal, premium, if any, and interest when the same become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the Issuer have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

Denominations; Exchange; Resolution. The Bonds are issuable solely in fully registered form in the denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof of a single maturity and are exchangeable for fully registered Bonds of other authorized denominations in equal aggregate principal amounts at the office of the Bond Registrar, but only in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Resolution. Reference is hereby made to the Resolution for a description of the rights and duties of the Bond Registrar. Copies of the Resolution are on file with the Bond Registrar

Transfer. This Bond is transferable by the Holder in person or by the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing at the principal office of the Bond Registrar upon presentation and surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar, all subject to the terms and conditions provided in the Resolution and to reasonable regulations of the Issuer contained in any agreement with the Bond Registrar. Thereupon the Issuer shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for this Bond, one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the transferee (but not registered in blank or to "bearer" or similar designation), of an Authorized Denomination or Denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

Fees upon Transfer or Loss. The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of this Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Treatment of Registered Owners. The Issuer and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided (except as otherwise provided herein with respect to the Record Date) and for all other purposes, whether or not this Bond shall be overdue, and neither the Issuer nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Authentication. This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security unless the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been executed by the Bond Registrar.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation. This Bond has been designated by the Issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution of the Issuer and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, to happen and to be performed, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, have been done, have happened and have been performed, in regular and due form, time and manner as required by law; that the Issuer has covenanted and agreed with the Holders of the Bonds that it will impose and collect charges for the service, use and availability of the municipal sanitary sewer system (the "Sewer System") at the times and in amounts necessary to produce net revenues, together with other sums pledged to the payment of the Bonds, adequate to pay all principal and interest when due on the Bonds; and that the Issuer will levy a direct, annual, irrevocable ad valorem tax upon all of the taxable property of the Issuer, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the years and in amounts sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds of this issue as they respectively become due, if the net revenues from the Sewer System, and any other sums irrevocably appropriated to the Debt Service Account are insufficient therefor; and that this Bond, together with all other debts of the Issuer outstanding on the date of original issue hereof and the date of its issuance and delivery to the original purchaser, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation of indebtedness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of La Crescent, Houston and Winona County, Minnesota, by its City Council has caused this Bond to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Administrator, the corporate seal of the Issuer having been intentionally omitted as permitted by law.

Date of Registration:

Registrable by: NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES, INC.

Payable at: NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES, INC.

BOND REGISTRAR'S
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHENTICATION

CITY OF LA CRESCENT,
HOUSTON AND WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

This Bond is one of the
Bonds described in the
Resolution mentioned
within.

/s/ Facsimile _____
Mayor

NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES, INC.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Bond Registrar

/s/ Facsimile _____
City Administrator

By: _____
Authorized Signature

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

- TEN COM - as tenants in common
- TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties
- JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common
- UTMA - _____ as custodian for _____
(Cust) (Minor)
under the _____ Uniform
(State)
Transfers to Minors Act

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the Bond on the books kept for the registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Notice: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or any change whatever.

Signature Guaranteed:

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a national bank or trust company or by a brokerage firm having a membership in one of the major stock exchanges or any other "Eligible Guarantor Institution" as defined in 17 CFR 240.17 Ad-15(a)(2).

The Bond Registrar will not affect transfer of this Bond unless the information concerning the transferee requested below is provided.

Name and Address: _____

(Include information for all joint owners if the Bond is held by joint account.)

8. Execution. The Bonds shall be in typewritten form, shall be executed on behalf of the City by the signatures of its Mayor and City Administrator and be sealed with the seal of the City; provided, as permitted by law, both signatures may be photocopied facsimiles and the corporate seal has been omitted. In the event of disability or resignation or other absence of either officer, the Bonds may be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the officer who may act on behalf of the absent or disabled officer. In case either officer whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, the signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery.

9. Authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless a Certificate of Authentication on the Bond, substantially in the form hereinabove set forth, shall have been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Bond Registrar. Certificates of Authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same person. The Bond Registrar shall authenticate the signatures of officers of the City on each Bond by execution of the Certificate of Authentication on the Bond and by inserting as the date of registration in the space provided the date on which the Bond is authenticated, except that for purposes of delivering the original Bonds to the Purchaser, the Bond Registrar shall insert as a date of registration the date of original issue of April 27, 2021. The Certificate of Authentication so executed on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution.

10. Registration; Transfer; Exchange. The City will cause to be kept at the office of the Bond Registrar a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the Bond Registrar shall provide for the registration of Bonds and the registration of transfers of Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as herein provided.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the City shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration (as provided in paragraph 9) of, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations of a like aggregate principal amount, having the same stated maturity and interest rate, as requested by the transferor; provided, however, that no Bond may be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation.

At the option of the Holder, Bonds may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations of a like aggregate principal amount and stated maturity, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the principal office of the Bond Registrar. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the City shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration of, and deliver the Bonds which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Bonds surrendered upon any exchange or transfer provided for in this resolution shall be promptly canceled by the Bond Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the City.

All Bonds delivered in exchange for or upon transfer of Bonds shall be valid general obligations of the City evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this resolution, as the Bonds surrendered for such exchange or transfer.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing

The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of any Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Transfers shall also be subject to reasonable regulations of the City contained in any agreement with the Bond Registrar, including regulations which permit the Bond Registrar to close its transfer books between record dates and payment dates. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the terms of said agreement.

11. Rights Upon Transfer or Exchange. Each Bond delivered upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond.

12. Interest Payment; Record Date. Interest on any Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond is registered (the "Holder") on the registration books of the City maintained by the Bond Registrar and at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any such interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given by the Bond Registrar to the Holders not less than ten days prior to the Special Record Date.

13. Treatment of Registered Owner. The City and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest (subject to the payment provisions in paragraph 12) on, such

Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

14. Delivery; Application of Proceeds. The Bonds when so prepared and executed shall be delivered by the Finance Director to the Purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price, and the Purchaser shall not be obliged to see to the proper application thereof.

15. Fund and Accounts. For the convenience and proper administration of the moneys to be borrowed and repaid on the Bonds, and to make adequate and specific security to the Purchaser and holders from time to time of the Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A Fund" (the "Fund") to be administered and maintained by the Finance Director as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the City. The Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until all of the Bonds herein authorized and the interest thereon shall have been fully paid. The Operation and Maintenance Account for the Sewer System heretofore established by the City shall continue to be maintained in the manner heretofore and herein provided by the City. All moneys remaining after paying or providing for the items set forth in the resolutions establishing the Operation and Maintenance Account shall constitute and are referred to as "net revenues" until the Bonds have been paid. There shall be maintained in the Fund the following separate accounts to which shall be credited and debited all net revenues of the Sewer System as hereinafter set forth. The Finance Director and all officials and employees concerned therewith shall establish and maintain financial records of the receipts and disbursements of the Sewer System in accordance with this resolution. In such records there shall be established and maintained accounts of the Fund for the purposes as follows:

(a) Payment Account. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Payment Account. On or prior to the Call Date, the Finance Director shall transfer \$752,644.14 of Bond proceeds from the Payment Account to the paying agent for the Prior Bonds. The sums are sufficient, together with other funds on deposit in debt service funds for the Refunded Bonds, to pay the principal and interest due on the Refunded Bonds due on the Call Date. The remainder of the monies in the Payment Account shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. Any monies remaining in the Payment Account after payment of all costs of issuance and payment of the Refunded Bonds shall be transferred to the Debt Service Account.

(b) Debt Service Account. There are hereby irrevocably appropriated and pledged to, and there shall be credited to, the Debt Service Account: (i) the net revenues of the Sewer System not otherwise pledged and applied to the payment of other obligations of the City, in an amount, together with other funds which may herein or hereafter from time to time be irrevocably appropriated to the account sufficient to meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61 for the payment of the principal and interest of the Bonds; (ii) any collections of all taxes which may hereafter be levied in the event that the net revenues of the Sewer System and other funds herein pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds are insufficient therefor; (iii) any balance remaining after the Call Date, in the Prior Bonds General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A Fund established by the Prior Resolution; and (iv) all investment earnings on funds held in the Debt Service Account; and (v) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the governing body of the City to the Debt Service Account.

No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (1) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued and (2) in addition to the above in an amount not greater than the lesser of

five percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Construction Account or Debt Service Account (or any other City fund or account which will be used to pay principal or interest to become due on the bonds payable therefrom) in excess of amounts which under then applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard as to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by the arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable "temporary periods" or "minor portion" made available under the federal arbitrage regulations. Money in the Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

16. Coverage Test; Pledge of Net Revenues and Excess Net Revenues. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the net revenues of the Sewer System are sufficient in amount to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds and a sum at least five percent in excess thereof. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the net revenues of the System are sufficient in an amount to pay when due the principal and interest on the Outstanding System Bonds and a sum at least five percent in excess thereof. The net revenues of the Sewer System are hereby pledged on a parity lien with the Outstanding System Bonds and shall be applied for that purpose, but solely to the extent required to meet, together with other pledged sums, the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds as the same become due.

As used herein the term net revenues means the gross revenues derived by the City from the operation of the Sewer System, including all charges for service, use, availability, and connection to the Sewer System, and all monies received from the sale of any facilities or equipment of the Sewer System or any by-products thereof, less all normal, reasonable, or current costs of owning, operating, and maintaining the Sewer System. Excess net revenues of the Sewer System in excess of those required for the foregoing may be used for any proper purpose.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the City from making further pledges and appropriations of the net revenues of the Sewer System for the payment of other or additional obligations of the City, provided that it has first been determined by the City Council that the estimated net revenues of the Sewer System will be sufficient in addition to all other sources, for the payment of the Bonds and such additional obligations and any such pledge and appropriation of the net revenues may be made superior or subordinate to, or on a parity with the pledge and appropriation herein.

17. Covenant to Maintain Rates and Charges. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.075, the City hereby covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Bonds that it will impose and collect charges for the service, use, availability and connection to the Sewer System at the times and in the amounts required to produce net revenues adequate to pay all principal and interest when due on the Bonds. Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.075, Subdivision 2, provides as follows: "Real estate tax revenues should be used only, and then on a temporary basis, to pay general or special obligations when the other revenues are insufficient to meet the obligations".

18. General Obligation Pledge. For the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the City shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged. If the net revenues of the Sewer System appropriated and pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, together with other funds irrevocably appropriated to the Payment Account or the Debt Service Account, shall at any time be insufficient to pay the principal and interest when due, the City covenants and agrees to levy, without limitation as to rate or

amount an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay such principal and interest as it becomes due. If the balance in the Payment Account or Debt Service Account is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds payable therefrom, the deficiency shall be promptly paid out of any other accounts of the City which are available for such purpose, and such other funds may be reimbursed without interest from the Payment Account or Debt Service Account when a sufficient balance is available therein.

19. Defeasance. When all Bonds have been discharged as provided in this paragraph, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the registered holders of the Bonds shall, to the extent permitted by law, cease. The City may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds which are due on any date by irrevocably depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Bond Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The City may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bonds called for redemption on any date when they are prepayable according to their terms, by depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full, provided that notice of redemption thereof has been duly given. The City may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a suitable banking institution qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 8, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required, without regard to sale and/or reinvestment, to pay all amounts to become due thereon to maturity or, if notice of redemption as herein required has been duly provided for, to such earlier redemption date.

20. Prior Bonds; Security and Prepayment. Until retirement of the Prior Bonds, all provisions theretofore made for the security thereof shall be observed by the City and all of its officers and agents. The Prior Bonds shall be redeemed and prepaid on the Call Date in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Call for Redemption attached hereto as Exhibit A, which terms and conditions are hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference.

21. Supplemental Resolution. The Prior Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Prior Bonds is hereby supplemented to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions hereof.

22. Continuing Disclosure. The City is the sole obligated person with respect to the Bonds. The City hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Undertaking") hereinafter described to:

(a) Provide or cause to be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") by filing at www.emma.msrb.org in accordance with the Rule, certain annual financial information and operating data in accordance with the Undertaking. The City reserves the right to modify from time to time the terms of the Undertaking as provided therein.

(b) Provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Bonds in not more than ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, in accordance with the Undertaking.

(c) Provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB notice of a failure by the City to provide the annual financial information with respect to the City described in the Undertaking, in not more than ten (10) business days following such occurrence.

(d) The City agrees that its covenants pursuant to the Rule set forth in this paragraph and in the Undertaking is intended to be for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds and shall be enforceable on behalf of such Holders; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of these covenants shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the City's obligations under the covenants.

The Mayor and City Administrator or any other officer of the City authorized to act in their place (the "Officers") are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City the Undertaking in substantially the form presented to the City Council subject to such modifications thereof or additions thereto as are (i) consistent with the requirements under the Rule, (ii) required by the Purchaser of the Bonds, and (iii) acceptable to the Officers.

23. Certificate of Registration. The City Administrator is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County Auditor of Houston County and the County Auditor of Winona County, Minnesota, together with such other information as each of the County Auditor's shall require, and to obtain from each County Auditor the County Auditor's certificate that the Bonds have been entered in the each of the County Auditor's Bond Register.

24. Records and Certificates. The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the City relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the City, and such other affidavits, certificates and information as are required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as the same appear from the books and records under their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the City as to the facts recited therein.

25. Negative Covenant as to Use of Bond Proceeds and Project. The City hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or to use the Project, or to cause or permit them to be used, or to enter into any deferred payment arrangements for the cost of the Project, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

26. Tax-Exempt Status of the Bonds; Rebate. The City shall comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code of the interest on the Bonds, including without limitation (i) requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, (ii) limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and (iii) the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States, if the Bonds (together with other obligations reasonably expected to be issued and outstanding at one time in this calendar year) exceed the small issuer exception amount of \$5,000,000.

For purposes of qualifying for the exception to the federal arbitrage rebate requirements for governmental units issuing \$5,000,000 or less of bonds, the City hereby finds, determines and declares that:

- a) the Bonds are issued by a governmental unit with general taxing powers;
- b) no Bond is a private activity bond;

c) ninety-five percent or more of the net proceeds of the Bonds are to be used for local governmental activities of the City (or of a governmental unit the jurisdiction of which is entirely within the jurisdiction of the City); and

d) the aggregate face amount of all tax exempt bonds (other than private activity bonds) issued by the City (and all subordinate entities thereof, and all entities treated as one issuer with the City) during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued and outstanding at one time is not reasonably expected to exceed \$5,000,000, all within the meaning of Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code.

Furthermore:

e) there shall not be taken into account for purposes of said \$5,000,000 limit any bond issued to refund (other than to advance refund) any bond to the extent the amount of the refunding bond does not exceed the outstanding amount of the refunded bond;

f) the aggregate face amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$5,000,000;

g) each of the Refunded Bonds was issued as part of an issue which was treated as meeting the rebate requirements by reason of the exception for governmental units issuing \$5,000,000 or less of bonds;

h) the average maturity of the Bonds does not exceed the average maturity of the Refunded Bonds; and

i) no part of the Bonds has a maturity date which is later than the date which is thirty years after the date the Refunded Bonds were issued.

27. Designation of Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. In order to qualify the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, the City hereby makes the following factual statements and representation:

(a) the Bonds are issued after August 7, 1986;

(b) the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" as defined in Section 141 of the Code;

(c) the City hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

(d) the reasonably anticipated amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds, treating qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as not being private activity bonds) which will be issued by the City (and all entities treated as one issuer with the City, and all subordinate entities whose obligations are treated as issued by the City) during this calendar year 2021 will not exceed \$10,000,000;

(e) not more than \$10,000,000 of obligations issued by the City during this calendar year 2021 have been designated for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; and

(f) the aggregate face amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$10,000,000.

Furthermore:

- (g) each of the Refunded Bonds was designated as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;
- (h) the aggregate face amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$10,000,000;
- (i) the average maturity of the Bonds does not exceed the remaining average maturity of the Refunded Bonds;
- (j) no part of the Bonds has a maturity date which is later than the date which is thirty years after the date the Refunded Bonds were issued; and
- (k) the Bonds are issued to refund, and not to "advance refund" the Prior Bonds within the meaning of Section 149(d)(5) of the Code, and shall not be taken into account under the \$10,000,000 issuance limit to the extent the Bonds do not exceed the outstanding amount of the Prior Bonds.

The City shall use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designation made by this paragraph.

28. Official Statement. The Official Statement relating to the Bonds prepared and distributed by Purchaser is hereby approved and the officers of the City are authorized in connection with the delivery of the Bonds to sign such certificates as may be necessary with respect to the completeness and accuracy of the Official Statement.

29. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

30. Headings. Headings in this resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF CALL FOR REDEMPTION
 GENERAL OBLIGATION SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012A
 CITY OF LA CRESCENT, HOUSTON AND WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by order of the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Houston and Winona County, Minnesota, there have been called for redemption and prepayment on

April 27, 2021

those outstanding bonds of the City designated as General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, dated as of March 1, 2012, having stated maturity dates in the years 2021 through 2031, inclusive, and totaling \$735,000 in principal in principal amount and having CUSIP numbers listed below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
2021	502563 PJ2
2023	502563 PL7
2025	502563 PN3

2027 502563 PQ6
2029 502563 PS2
2031 502563 PU7

The bonds are being called at a price of par plus accrued interest to April 27, 2021, on which date all interest on the bonds will cease to accrue. Holders of the bonds hereby called for redemption are requested to present their bonds for payment, at the office of the Northland Trust Services, Inc., 150 South 5th Street, Suite 3300, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Dated: March 22, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Bill Waller, Administrator

*The City shall not be responsible for the selection of or use of the CUSIP numbers, nor is any representation made as to their correctness indicated in the notice. They are included solely for the convenience of the holders.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Jostad and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all 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 resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.2 – PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS – BRIDGE PROJECT

City Engineer Hruska reviewed with City Council the plans and specifications for the third phase of the Wagon Wheel Improvement Project, which is the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge. The required approvals are being obtained from MnDOT so that the City may proceed with the approval of the plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids. In order to proceed, it was recommended to City Council to approve the plans and specifications for the project and authorize to advertise for bids, pending

final approval from MnDOT. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE THIRD PHASE OF THE WAGON WHEEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WHICH IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, PENDING FINAL APPROVAL FROM MNDOT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all 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.

ITEM 3.3 – ADA TRANSITION PLAN

City Engineer Hruska reviewed with City Council the completed ADA Transition Plan. This plan is required for federal funding. The Wagon Wheel Bridge is receiving federal funding as part of the funding from the Transportation Alternative Program. The Transition Plan has separated pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, and trails into categories with three conditions. The first tier has items that are physical barriers, that do not allow all potential users to use the system. The second tier is where there may not be physical barriers, they do not meet the required specifications for the system. The majority of the facilities fall within this category. The third tier is where the facilities are fully compliant. The plan provides the City with guidance on where facilities need improvement. These improvements should be timed with other projects. The plan will be reviewed when future projects are discussed to determine implementation. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all 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.

ITEM 3.4 – LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

In October of 2020, City Council approved an engineering agreement with WHKS to begin planning for the reconstruction of Walnut Street. City Council reviewed the memo and engineering agreement from October 2020. Due to the planning work that was completed for the project, the City was in a position to submit an application to MnDOT for a portion of the project costs through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). City Engineer Tim Hruska reviewed with City Council the site plan and project budget that was submitted to MnDOT for a LRIP grant. The project, referred to as the Walnut Street Improvement project, is in draft form and is tentatively set for 2022. There are a number of funding sources that may be utilized to pay for portions of the project. This is very preliminary, and may include a combination of the following:

1. Municipal State Aid funds.
2. Bonding authority through the City's 2021-2026 Street Reconstruction plan.
3. Water and Sewer revenue bonds.
4. The potential for funding assistance through the LRIP application, although we have been advised by MnDOT that they received 421 requests which is nearly double the number of requests that they received the last time that the program was offered.
5. The potential to use funds that the City will receive in 2021 and 2022 through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). These funds can be used for the cost of water and sewer infrastructure. This is very preliminary information, and there will be ample time to be review and discuss options for the ARP funds as the planning for the project moves forward.

This item was informational, and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.5 – ENGINEERING REVIEW

City Engineer Hruska reviewed with City Council the current engineering projects for the City. These projects include the following: MS4 Permit; Street Inventory / 5-year CIP / Walnut Street; Train Whistle; Shore Acres Road Improvements; Wagon Wheel Phase 3; Wagon Wheel Phase 1; County 6 Utility Extension; Stormwater Review; Horse Track Meadows; Sanitary Sewer Agreement; Eagles Bluff Trail Easement; ADA Transition Plan; Risk Assessment and Response Plan – Mn Department of Health (MDH); City Hall Site Planning; Wildwood Court Drainage; Outdoor Hockey Rink / Pickleball Courts; DNR Roadway Grant; TH 14/61/16 Project; Shore Acres RR Underpass; and SRTS Demonstration Project. This item was informational, and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.6 – CITY OF LA CROSSE CORRESPONDENCE

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a correspondence dated March 9, 2021 to the City of La Crosse signed by the City of La Crescent, City of Onalaska, and Town of Campbell inviting the City of La Crosse to meet and engage in negotiations of long-term agreements for sanitary sewer service. This item was informational, and no action was taken.

ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES – GREENSTEP MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2021

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the March 3, 2021 La Crescent GreenStep Committee meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 6.2 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES – PARK AND RECREATION MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2021

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the March 15, 2021 La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 6.3 – EXPLORE LA CROSSE

City Council reviewed the Agenda from the March 16, 2021 La Crosse County Convention & Visitors Bureau Online Board Meeting, which included the Minutes from the February 16, 2021 Online Board Meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tammy Stremcha of the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber had no update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner, 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
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 6:12 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator