

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JUNE 27, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of June was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, June 27, 2022.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cheryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, and Deputy Clerk 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 – JUNE 13, 2022
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JUNE 24, 2022
- 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 O'Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City 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 3.1 – 2022 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Deputy Clerk, Angie Boettcher reviewed with Council the 2022 Summer Newsletter. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.2 – TRAIL EASEMENT

City Administrator, Bill Waller reviewed with City Council an easement agreement for property owned by Mark Nigogosyan and Judy Klevan. This easement agreement is in alignment with the Blufflands Plan which was adopted by the city in November of 2017. The Blufflands Plan outlines future trail connections to expand the network of trails in the city available for public use. The easement agreement included is an integral part of the connection to a future rim of the city trail that could ultimately connect a continuous trail from 7th street near the pool to the Event Center in Veterans Park. It is noted that respect for property rights is an essential element of future easements. With regard to the respect for property rights, Mr. Nigogosyan and Ms. Klevan have been informed of the easement from the start of the process and are in support of granting the easement to the city for possible future trail connections. It is recommended that the Council approve the easement agreement.

Agenda requests were provided to Council from residents Greg Wolf and Todd Trautmann who then spoke to the Council regarding the easement.

Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MR. MARK NIGOGOSYAN AND MS. JUDY KLEVAN AND THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22-22

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT OF LAND TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN JUNE, 2022

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

WHEREAS, the following gift of land was made to the City of La Crescent:

1. Mark Nigogosyan and Judy Klevan would like to gift an easement of their property to the City as part of the Bluffland Plan trail system.

WHEREAS, La Crescent agrees to accept the gift of land from Mark Nigogosyan and Judy Klevan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby accepts the gift stated above.

ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2022.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

Member Jostad voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM 3.3 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2022

City Administrator Bill Waller reviewed with Council the Planning Commission Minutes from June 7, 2022. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.4 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION

The Personnel Committee had the following recommendation for consideration by the City Council. On July 11, 2022 Doug Stavenau will have successfully completed his three-month probationary period as a Utility Maintenance worker #1. Effective July 11, 2022, the Personnel Committee is recommending that Mr. Stavenau's probationary status be removed, and that he be classified as a Utility Maintenance worker #1. Following discussion, Member Jostad made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF MR. STAVENAU'S PROBATIONARY STATUS AND THAT HE BE CLASSIFIED AS A UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER #1 EFFECTIVE JULY 11, 2022.

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

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

ITEM 3.5 – FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRING

City Council reviewed a letter from La Crescent Fire Chief, Tom Paulson requesting permission to hire five (5) firefighter/emergency medical responder candidates Abigail Kerska, Christopher Fruechte, Christopher Warren, Ryan Steffes, and Vernon Bridwell Jr. contingent upon their successful completion of remaining pre-employment screenings, effective July 1, 2022. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRE OF FIVE (5) FIREFIGHTER/EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER CANDIDATES ABIGAIL KERSKA, CHRISTOPHER FRUECHTE, CHRISTOPHER WARREN, RYAN STEFFES, AND VERNON BRIDWELL JR. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 CONTINGENT UPON THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REMAINING PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS.

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

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

ITEM 3.6 – 2022 LICENSE RENEWAL

City Administrator, Waller reviewed with Council a 2022 license renewal application for a gas installers license from Savage Heating & Air, LLC. The application appears to be in order, and it is recommended that the City Council approve the license renewal application. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A GAS INSTALLERS LICENSE FROM SAVAGE HEATING & AIR, LLC.

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

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

ITEM 3.7 – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Cit Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a temporary on-sale liquor license application from La Crescent Apple Festival, Inc. to be used from September 15 – 18, 2022 at Abnet Field. The application appears to be in order, and it is recommended that the City Council approve the application and authorize it to be forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FROM LA CRESCENT APPLE FESTIVAL, INC. TO BE USED FROM SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2022 AT ABNET FIELD AND AUTHORIZE IT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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

ITEM – 3.8 – APPLEFEST REQUEST

City Council reviewed a letter from the La Crescent Applefest Carnival and Concession Committee requesting the use of picnic tables from the city parks during Applefest which will be held September 15 – 18, 2022. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE LA CRESCENT APPLEFEST CARNIVAL AND CONCESSION COMMITTEE TO USE PICNIC TABLES FROM THE CITY PARKS TO BE DELIVERED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AND PICKED UP MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH FOR APPLEFEST WHICH WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2022.

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

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

ITEM 8 – HOUSTON COUNTY

Houston County Commissioner, Dewey Severson, updated City Council on County activities.

ITEM 9 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A member from the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and gave City Council an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, 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 6:10 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator