

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JULY 25, 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 July was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the Deputy Clerk, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cherryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present were City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Engineer Tim Hruska (via zoom), 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 – JULY 11, 2022
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JULY 22, 2022
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2022
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – MAY 2022

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 Deputy Clerk, 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 3.1 – BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

City Engineer, Tim Hruska provided City Council with an update on the construction of the Wagon Wheel Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.2 – JACOB FELDMAN – HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Jacob Feldman, the new High School Principal introduced himself to the City Council. This was informational only, no action required.

ITEM 3.3 – FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a request to review a proposed increase in the La Crescent Fire Department Relief Association member’s annual benefit from \$4,200 to \$5,100. The Relief Association has adequate funds available to support this increase without any financial impact to the City. Todd Hase, Treasurer of the La Crescent Fire Department Relief Association, and Relief Association President, Tony Murilla were also in attendance. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE IN THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION MEMBER’S ANNUAL BENEFIT FROM \$4,200 TO \$5,100.

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

Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

Member Hutchinson and Mayor Poellinger abstained from voting and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3.4 – COMMISSION RESIGNATION

City Council reviewed a resignation letter from Planning Commission President, Annie Stoecklein. It was recommended that the City Council accept Ms. Stoecklein’s resignation. A recommendation to fill the vacancy will be presented at a future City Council meeting. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION PRESIDENT, ANNIE STOECKLEIN.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Deputy Clerk, 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 3.5 – EASEMENT AMENDMENT

Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council an easement amendment. At the June 27, 2022 City council meeting, the City council approved an easement agreement for an access easement being given to the City. After the June 27, 2022 meeting, the property owner requested that the City accept the conveyance of the easement with a condition that the easement is only utilized for non-motorized vehicles. It was recommended that City Council approve the amendment with one spelling correction and exception that Public Work staff can utilize public work vehicles on the trail as needed. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AMENDMENT WITH THE ONE SPELLING CORRECTION AND EXCEPTION THAT PUBLIC WORK STAFF COULD USE PUBLIC WORK VEHICLES ON THE TRAIL AS NEEDED.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Deputy Clerk, 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 with a 4-1 vote.

ITEM 3.6 – PARADE REQUEST

City Council reviewed a memo from La Crescent Police Chief, Luke Ahlschlager regarding a request for a Parade Permit for temporary street closure from the East end of Main Street to the intersection of Walnut Street and Main Street on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The event is a Community Project called the 4th Annual Thriller Performance and is being supported by community organizers, community volunteers, and parents of participants. The Community is invited to participate as it is an all-ages event. The Police Department will be responsible for setting up barricades and providing traffic control. It was recommended to City council to approve the request. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A PARADE PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE FROM THE EAST END OF MAIN STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF WALNUT STREET AND

MAIN STREET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022, FROM 5:30 – 6:30 PM FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT CALLED THE 4TH ANNUAL THRILLER PERFORMANCE WITH THE LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP BARRICADES AND PROVIDING TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Deputy Clerk, 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 6 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE//COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 – GREENSTEP COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 15,2022

City Council reviewed the June 15, 2022 Greenstep Committee meeting minutes. This was informational only. No action required.

6.2 – EXPLORE LA CROSSE

City Council reviewed the July 19th, 2022 Explore La Crosse Agenda and the June 28th, 2022 minutes. This was informational only. No action required.

6.3 – PARK AND RECREATION MINUTES – JULY 18, 2022

City Council reviewed the July 18th, 2022 Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. This was informational only. No action required.

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 Council an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Deputy Clerk, 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 5:54 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator