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 26, 2021.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Cherryl Jostad, Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: Ryan Hutchinson. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Police Chief Doug Stavenau, City Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson, 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 – JULY 12, 2021
1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JULY 22, 2021
1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2021
1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – APRIL 2021
1.5 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2021
1.6 LIBRARY REPORT – MAY 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. It was recommended to revise the July 12, 2021 Minutes as follows:

1. Revise Resolution No. 07-21-23 in Item 3.6 – 2022 Transit Resolution changing the percentage of the total operating costs in the second FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read “FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, agrees to provide a local share of up to twenty percent (20%) of the total operating costs and up to twenty percent (20%) of total capital costs.”

2. Revise Resolution No. 07-21-24 in Item 3.8 – Donation Resolution changing the wording of “National Night Out” to “Neighbor’s Night Out” in paragraph Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED INCLUDING THE REVISIONS TO THE JULY 12, 2021 MINUTES AS STATED ABOVE.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;
ITEM 3.1 – MnDOT LIMITED USE PERMIT RESOLUTION

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a correspondence received from MnDOT regarding the need to update the City's existing limited use permit. The limited use permit was adopted in 1992. The limited use permit allows the City to participate in the MnDOT Landscape Partnership Program, and make continued improvements to MnDOT right-of-way. City Council reviewed the proposed Resolution. Following review and discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-25

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LIMITED USE PERMIT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IT IS RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, enter into Limited Use Permit No. 2805-0043 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for maintenance and use by the City of La Crescent upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 61 and limits of which are defined in said Limited Use Permit.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota that the Mayor and the City Administrator are authorized to execute the Limited Use Permit.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 2021.

SIGNED:

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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;
and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted by a 4-0 vote.

At this time, City Council proceeded to Item 3.4 on the Agenda.

ITEM 3.4 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council appoint Ryan Quanrud to the position of Training Officer. City Council reviewed a memo from the Fire Chief regarding this recommendation.

2. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council accept Jay Meier’s resignation as Training Officer. City Council reviewed a memo from the Fire Chief regarding this recommendation.

3. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council accept Isaiah Bunke’s resignation as a Police Officer. City Council reviewed Officer Bunke’s resignation letter dated July 13, 2021.

4. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the City Council promote part-time Police Officer Roth Clark to full-time status to fill the vacancy created by Isaiah Bunke’s resignation. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the union contract, Mr. Clark would serve a 12-month probationary period.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT RYAN QUANRUD TO THE POSITION OF TRAINING OFFICER FOR THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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 by a 4-0 vote.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT JAY MEIER’S RESIGNATION AS TRAINING OFFICER FOR THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

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and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

**MOTION TO ACCEPT ISAIAH BUNKE’S RESIGNATION AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

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

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and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER ROTH CLARK TO FULL-TIME STATUS TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY ISAIAH BUNKE’S RESIGNATION AND PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNION CONTRACT, MR. CLARK WOULD SERVE A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.**

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

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and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

City Council then proceeded back to Item 3.2 on the Agenda.

**ITEM 3.2 – ADOPT A DRAIN STORMWATER PROGRAM**

City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson reviewed with City Council that the GreenStep committee has reviewed the Adopt-a-Drain program and is recommending its adoption by City Council. The Adopt-a-
Drain program is run by Hamline University. The Adopt-a-Drain program will be an important part of the public outreach for La Crescent. City Council reviewed information about the Adopt-a-Drain program, what it provides and its benefits. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE ADOPT-A-DRAIN PROGRAM BASED ON THE GREENSTEP RECOMMENDATION AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO REFLECT THE EXPENDITURE.**

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

- 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 by a 4-0 vote.

**ITEM 3.3 – CARBON FREE ENERGY RESOLUTION**

City Sustainability Coordinator Ludwigson reviewed with City Council that the GreenStep committee has reviewed a Carbon-Neutral Energy Resolution. City Council reviewed the Resolution. The GreenStep committee is recommending that the City Council adopt the Carbon-Neutral Energy Resolution. As a Resolution, the language included is non-binding. The Resolution fits with the community vision statement from the Partners in Energy plan. City Council also reviewed examples of over 160 cities across the US who have adopted similar resolutions. Following review and discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN SUPPORT OF 100 PERCENT CARBON-NEUTRAL ENERGY

WHEREAS, too much of Minnesota's energy comes from fossil fuels that pollute our air and water and alter our climate; and,

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is a real and major threat to human civilization and is caused primarily by the combustion of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the greatest burden resulting from an inadequate response to climate change will be borne by young people, future generations, and the poorest and most vulnerable communities around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota communities are already feeling the impacts of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, Xcel energy, the largest provider of power to La Crescent, has committed to 100 percent carbon-free energy by 2050 (1); and,
WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent is already taking action to reduce its municipal carbon emissions and promote clean energy, including becoming a MN GreenStep city, B3 Benchmarking, solar PV installations on municipal buildings, retrofitting of LED lights, and purchase of solar electricity credits; and,

WHEREAS, carbon-free energy has brought many benefits to Minnesota, including reduced pollution (2), tens of thousands of clean energy jobs (3), and more of our energy dollars retained in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has historically been a leader in the fight against climate change (4), and has a responsibility to continue to set a positive example for other states and countries to follow; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent can get 100 percent of its municipal electric energy needs from clean, carbon-free energy sources by 2030 (5);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, in the County of Houston, State of Minnesota, that the City of La Crescent should commit to a goal of 100 percent clean, carbon-neutral energy, and move as quickly as economically feasible to achieve that goal;

To meet the goal of 100 percent carbon-neutral energy the city will aspire to:

- Meet 100 percent of its municipal electric energy needs from carbon-free energy sources by 2030.
- Meet 100 percent of the community's electric energy needs from carbon-neutral energy resources by 2035.
- Achieve net-zero emissions of communitywide energy use by 2050.
- City officials and city staff will consider all municipal decisions in light of whether they will bring the city and its residents, businesses, and institutions closer to 100 percent carbon-neutral energy generation and use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that leaders in the Legislature and statewide elected and appointed officials are urged to do everything in their power to bring Minnesota closer to 100 percent carbon-free energy, and ensure that the benefits of carbon neutral energy are realized by Minnesota residents from all walks of life.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 2021.

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator
Footnotes:
2. https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/greenhouse-gas-emissions-data
4. pca.state.mn.us/air/state-and-regional-initiatives
5. Currently the City of La Crescent gets over 75% of municipal electric needs from carbon-free energy sources

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

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and Member Cherryl Jostad voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted by a 3-1 vote.

**ITEM 3.5 – COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council that Linda Larson is resigning from the Planning Commission. City Council reviewed Ms. Larson’s letter of resignation. It was recommended to City Council to accept Ms. Larson's resignation, and appoint Ryan Stotts to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. City Administrator Waller also reviewed that there is a vacancy on the Park & Recreation Commission. It was recommended to City Council to appoint Linda Gasper to fill the vacancy that was created when Mike Limberg resigned.

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

**MOTION TO ACCEPT LINDA LARSON’S RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

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

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and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad, as follows:
MOTION TO APPOINT RYAN STOTTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

- 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 by a 4-0 vote.

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

MOTION TO APPOINT LINDA GASPER TO THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

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

- 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 by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3.6 – PROPOSAL TO UPDATE PARK & RECREATION PLAN

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a proposal from MSA Professional Services, Inc. (MSA) to update the City's 2012 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. For City Council information, in 2016, MSA completed the City's Comprehensive Plan, and in 2017, MSA completed both the City's Blufflands Plan and the City's Downtown Vision and Strategic Plan. The City's Park and Recreation Commission and the City's Natural Resource Advisory Group have reviewed the proposal, and both are recommending that the City Council accept the proposal and proceed with the project. City Council reviewed a list of some of the changes/improvements that have occurred since the 2012 plan was completed. The project will be expanded to include a thorough review and recommendations of the City's natural spaces. This component has not been included in earlier Park & Recreation Plans. In order to proceed with the project, it was recommended to City Council to accept the proposal submitted by MSA, and amend the 2021 general fund budget to reflect the expenditure. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. TO UPDATE THE CITY'S 2012 COMPREHENSIVE PARK & RECREATION PLAN AND AMEND THE 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO REFLECT THE EXPENDITURE.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;
ITEM 3.7 – ICE ARENA PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council a change order for the Ice Arena Improvement project. The City's Engineer/Architect and representatives from Lancer Youth Hockey are both recommending the following:

1. To address condensation concerns in the future, approve a change to a TPO-SA fully adhered roof at an increase of $26,330.00 for the high portion of the building. This is the portion of the building that contains the sheet of ice.
2. Do not approve the change in materials and methods for the low portion of the building.
3. Accept alternate #1 and install new downspouts to match the new roof cap at an additional cost of $1,560.00.
4. Delete the sealant/painting portion of the project which will reduce the project cost by $30,000.00. Due to the uncertainty of the availability of the product, this item will be revisited in 2022.

It was recommended to City Council to approve the change order from Interstate Roofing & WTP., Inc. for the Ice Arena Improvement project. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ORDER FROM INTERSTATE ROOFING & WTP., INC. FOR THE ICE ARENA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

- 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 by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3.8 – TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

City Council reviewed a Memo from City Administrative Clerk Chris Fortsch regarding the receipt of a temporary on-sale liquor license application for La Crescent Apple Festival, Inc. for September 16-19, 2021 at Abnet Field. The application appears to be in order, and it was recommended to City Council to approve the application and authorize that it be forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.
MOTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LA CRESCENT APPLE FESTIVAL, INC. FOR SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2021 AT ABNET FIELD AND AUTHORIZE THAT IT 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;

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 by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3.9 – APPLEFEST PARADE REQUEST

City Council reviewed a Memorandum from the Applefest Board of Directors requesting assistance from the City of La Crescent for coordinating the 73rd year of Applefest which will take place September 16-19, 2021. The Applefest Board would like assistance with the following: help in preparing the carnival area, installing signs, installing stakes and fencing, a water line for the King Apple Tent, use of city garbage cans, picnic tables and trailer, as well as help barricading the staging route for the King Apple Parade, and use of 8 golf carts during the King Apple Parade. City Council also reviewed a Memo from La Crescent Police Chief Stavenau regarding the Applefest Board of Directors requesting approval for the 2021 King Apple Parade to be held on September 19 and the Kiddie Parade to be held on September 18. The parades will be held on the same route as years previous. A map was provided for reference regarding the routes and staging areas. It was recommended to City Council to grant approval. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner, as follows:


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

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 by a 4-0 vote.
ITEM 3.10 – NEIGHBOR’S NIGHT OUT

City Police Chief Stavenau reviewed with City Council and invited them to the La Crescent Police Department’s 5th Annual Neighbor's Night Out on August 3, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park. The Police Department has invited numerous community groups to showcase La Crescent and the event includes a free brat meal in addition to numerous free family-friendly activities. City Council was encouraged to help spread the word in helping celebrate the Community of La Crescent while meeting old friends and making new ones. This item was informational, and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.11 – PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

City Police Chief Stavenau reviewed with City Council a correspondence to numerous City of La Crosse and Houston County agencies regarding a public informational meeting to be held on July 27, 2021, at 5:30 pm at the La Crescent Community Room to address the concerns of Shore Acres residents regarding the bass boat traffic during tournaments on the West Channel of Mississippi River. It was the consensus of City Council for Mayor Mike Poellinger to attend and Council Members Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner and Cherryl Jostad to split attendance as representatives from the La Crescent City Council. This item was informational, and no action was taken.

At this time, it was the consensus of City Council to again review Item 3.3 – Carbon Free Energy Resolution.

ITEM 3.3 – CARBON FREE ENERGY RESOLUTION (REVIEW)

It was recommended by City Attorney Wieser to remove the word “aspire” in meeting the goals and to include an additional bullet point in the goals as referenced in the Resolution.

Following review and discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner introduced the following amendments to the previously adopted Resolution based upon City Attorney Wieser’s recommendations and moved its passage and adoption:

**AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION NO. 07-21-26**

To meet the goal of 100 percent carbon-neutral energy the city will:

- Meet 100 percent of its municipal electric energy needs from carbon-free energy sources by 2030.
- Meet 100 percent of the community's electric energy needs from carbon-neutral energy resources by 2035.
- Achieve net-zero emissions of communitywide energy use by 2050.
- City officials and city staff will consider all municipal decisions in light of whether they will bring the city and its residents, businesses, and institutions closer to 100 percent carbon-neutral energy generation and use.
- The above goals are aspirational in nature and not to be considered binding upon the City.
The motion for the adoption of the amendments to the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz:

- 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 by a 4-0 vote.

**ITEM 5.1 – MAYOR’S COMMENTS – COVID-19 REVIEW**

Mayor Poellinger wished to address the Covid-19 review/timeline. Ryan Stotts will be preparing a review and narrative not to exceed $2,000.00. This item will be placed on the next City Council Agenda.

**ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES – PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – JULY 20, 2021**

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the July 20, 2021 La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission meeting. No action taken.

**ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Tammy Stremcha of the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce informed City Council that the Chamber Annual Steak Fry will be held on August 11, 2021 and that the Fire Department’s 100th Year Celebration will be held on August 7, 2021.

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:

- 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 by a 4-0 vote and the meeting duly adjourned at 6:36 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: ______________________

SIGNED: ____________________________

Mayor
ATTEST:

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City Administrator