

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the first meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of September was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, September 12, 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 Attorney Skip Wieser, City Administrator Bill Waller, La Crescent Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson, City Economic Development Director, Larry Kirch, 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 – AUGUST 22, 2022
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY 2022
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – JULY 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 O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, 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
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 3.1 – MPCA GREENSTEP AWARD

City Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson introduced Kristin Mroz the State Director for the GreenStep Cities and Tribal Nations program who presented the GreenStep level 4 designation to the city. Some notable metrics that contributed to the level 4 designation include 89% of city street lights being LED, 72% of city buildings having LED lighting, and 87% of city operations using renewable energy. Overall, 143 cities in Minnesota participate in the GreenStep program and La Crescent is one of 34 Minnesota Cities that has met the level 4 designation, the highest designation being level 5. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.2 – MIKE TEMP – 2021 AUDIT REVIEW

Mike Temp from Tostrud & Temp S.C., Certified Public Accountants, gave an overview to City Council of the 2021 City audit. City Council was provided a copy of the audit to review prior to the meeting. Following questions, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O’Donnell-Ebner, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT FROM TOSTRUD & TEMP, S.C. FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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 3.3 – AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE – PAVILION SHELTER

City Council reviewed the plans and specifications for the new pavilion shelter at Wieser Park. It is anticipated that construction would start early winter of 2022 and be completed by summer of 2023. As proposed, the cost of construction will be funded entirely through private donations. A portion of the donations to the project may either be in the form of pledges or commitments. It was suggested that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the project, and authorize to advertise for bids. A copy of the bid notice was included and it was recommended that the last sentence of the bid be corrected from “thirty (45) days to **forty-five** (45) days”. Following discussion, Member O’Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WIESER PARK PAVILION SHELTER PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WITH THE CORRECTION OF “THIRTY (45) DAYS TO FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS IN THE LAST

SENTENCE OF THE BID NOTICE.

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 3.4 – ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – WIESER PARK

City Council reviewed for consideration an engineering proposal from WHKS to provide a feasibility study for proposed improvements at Wieser Park, paving the parking lot at Old Hickory Park, and a new park entrance to the Stoney Point property off South 7th Street in conjunction with a future dog park at that site. The work at Wieser Park is required now, in advance of the construction of the new pavilion shelter. The study will focus on the location and elevation of the pavilion, stormwater improvements in the park, and construction of pickleball courts and the new parking lot located off Trifecta Avenue. The intention will be to propose to the City Council that the funds generated through the sale of the City-owned property adjacent to Wieser Park be used in 2023 to construct the necessary stormwater improvements at the park, the new pickleball courts, and the new parking lot. In order to continue to move forward with this project, it was suggested that the City Council approve the engineering agreement with WHKS. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH WHKS TO PROVIDE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT WIESER PARK, OLD HICKORY PARK, AND A NEW PARK ENTRANCE TO THE STONEY POINT PROPERTY OFF SOUTH 7TH STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FUTURE DOG PARK AT THAT SITE.

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 3.5 – CITY PROPERTY – 55 PLUS DESIGNATION

City Council member Jostad presented to the Council a 55+ housing designation for the 5 city-owned lots east of the entrance to Horse Track Meadows development. After the 8/8/2022 Council Meeting in which Council voted to retain the original plan of 10 twin homes for the 5 city-owned lots, La Crescent Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Julie Hatlem commented to Member Jostad that these twin homes would make a great place for 55+ housing. Member Jostad presented the idea via email on 8/10/2022 to the City Administrator, City Building and Zoning Official, City Attorney, City Development Director, and City Engineer. ~~City Administrator Waller followed up with~~ Member Jostad **called City Administrator Waller asking about information he had sent and he asked Member Jostad if this item should be added to the 9/12/2022 agenda.** Member Jostad agreed it would be worth discussion and action by the full Council. Member Jostad cited a portion of the City of La Crescents 2016 Comprehensive Plan specifically Housing Issues & Opportunities, Objective 3 from the Goals & Objectives section, and Strategy 13 from the Strategy section for support of the 55+ housing designation as well as other additional support points.

La Crescent Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Julie Hatlem addressed City Council on her support for the 55+ housing designation.

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

MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE 5 CITY-OWNED LOTS AT HORSE TRACK MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT AS 55+ HOUSING.

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

Member O'Donnell-Ebner, Member Williams, and Mayor Poellinger voted against the same. The motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

ITEM 3.6 – ROOT RIVER TRAIL AGREEMENT

City of La Crescent Community Development Director, Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the cities of Houston, Hokah, La Crescent, and Houston County to discuss the creation of a trail connection to the Root River Trail. City of La Crescent staff will be the lead coordinators of the trail planning efforts. An eight-member citizen committee representing the three cities and county will work toward developing a plan and strategy to complete the trail. Council members were provided with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement prior to the meeting. It was recommended to Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution, as well as approve Larry Stryker and Dick Wieser as citizen members of the trail planning committee. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner introduced the following resolution with noted corrections along with corrections to the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement specifically, a spelling correction in the 'contacts' section and the addition of the wording 'related to trail development' to item 5. g and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-28

City of La Crescent Joint Cooperation for Recreational Trail Development

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of La Crescent is committed to supporting the planning and development of a trail system for public use as a multi-use recreational bicycling and walking facility between the cities of La Crescent, Houston, and Hokah; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Crescent recognize there are practical and economic advantages to inter-governmental cooperation when planning, developing and funding such trail system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, City of La Crescent possesses the statutory authority to be a party to an agreement to jointly collaborate with municipalities located in ~~the City of La Crescent~~ **Houston County** for the purpose of furthering the development and the completion of a recreational trail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of La Crescent that, the City of La Crescent commits to working in joint cooperation with the City of La Crescent, the City of Houston, the City of Hokah, **and Houston County** to pursue the development of a trail system from these communities to common points between them, is hereby approved.

*******CERTIFICATION*******

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HOUSTON

I, _____, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of La Crescent dated _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this _____ day of August 2022.

(SEAL)

_____, _____

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution with noted corrections to the resolution and the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement was duly seconded by Member Williams and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes

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

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE LARRY STRYKER AND DICK WIESER AS THE CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE TRAIL PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
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 – MNDOT CORRIDOR STUDY – PLANNING GRANT

Community Development Director, Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council a Planning Assistance Grant Project from MnDOT in which the City was awarded. The grant project will help thirteen Minnesota cities and counties develop active transportation plans. As part of the grant, MnDOT will study the City of La Crescents corridor plan to help identify the best path forward to connect the city to the Root River Trail south of the community. There will be no cost to the city for the grant project. This was informational only, no action taken.

ITEM 3.8 – WAGON WHEEL TRAIL BRIDGE DEDICATION

City Attorney Wieser reminded City Council of the open meeting laws Council members need to abide by when a potential quorum outside of a scheduled meeting occurs, which would include not discussing City business with each other with the upcoming Wagon Wheel Trail Bridge dedication. This was informational only, not action taken.

ITEM 3.9 – PARADE REQUEST

City Council reviewed a memo from Police Chief Ahlschlager regarding a request from the La Crescent-Hokah School District student body to have a formal Homecoming parade with staff support during school hours on Friday, September 23rd. There will be student parade floats and student band participation in the event. The parade will start in the La Crescent Middle School parking lot at approximately 12:44 pm and will travel north on Lancer Blvd. to South 11th Street, North, on Elm Street, and then circle the La Crescent

Elementary School building returning to the High School parking lot by the same route. Chief Ahlschlager is requesting Council permission to temporarily use the public thoroughfares for the event. This will minimally impact daily traffic activity and the La Crescent Police Department will assist by marking the procession's front and rear with emergency lighting. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE LA CRESCENT-HOKAH SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT BODY TO HOLD A HOMECOMING PARADE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 12:45 PM BEGINNING AT THE LA CRESCENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND TRAVEL NORTH ON LANCER BLVD TO SOUTH 11TH STREET, NORTH ON ELM STREET AND THEN CIRCLE THE LA CRESCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING AND RETURN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT BY THE SAME ROUTE WITH THE LA CRESCENT POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE BY MARKING THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE PROCESSION WITH EMERGENCY LIGHTING.

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 3.10 – AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE – BUILDING REPAIR

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council for approval a proposal from Glass Service Center Inc. in the amount of \$3,901.33, to replace the main door to the City Council Chamber. There are funds available in the 2022 General fund budget for this building improvement. The maintenance department will field paint the door and complete any necessary wall patching. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM GLASS SERVICE CENTER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,901.33 TO REPLACE THE MAIN EXTERIOR DOOR OF THE CITY COUNCIL ROOM WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

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 3.11 – AUTHORIZE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

City Administrator Waller reviewed with Council the 2022 capital equipment certificate which includes funds for the purchase of golf carts at Pine Creek Golf Course. It was suggested that the Council approve the purchase of two, 2019 electric Yamaha golf carts for \$4,300 per cart, from Christen Garden Center in Onalaska, Wisconsin. The golf course currently has a fleet of gas golf carts. The electric golf carts are proposed as a demonstration to evaluate the feasibility of converting from gas to electric golf carts in the future. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member O'Donnell-Ebner as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO, 2019 ELECTRIC YAMAHA GOLF CARTS FOR \$4,300 PER CART, FROM CHRISTEN GARDEN CENTER IN ONALASKA, WISCONSIN WITH FUNDS INCLUDED IN THE 2022 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE.

ITEM 3.12 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Personnel Committee had the following recommendations for consideration by the City Council.

1. That the City Council accept Ryan Quanrud's resignation as a Police Officer effective September 2nd, 2022.
2. That the City Council promote current part-time Police Officer Charles Petersen to full-time status to fill the vacancy created by Ryan Quanrud's resignation. It was recommended by Chief Ahlschlager that Officer Petersen move from Step 1 to Step 2 of the current LELS Union contract. Officer Petersen would be pursuant to the terms and conditions of the LELS Union contract, serving a twelve-month probationary period.
3. That the City Council remove Luke Ahlschlager's 6-month probationary period as Chief of Police and that he be classified as the City's Chief of Police effective September 28, 2022, and that effective September 28, 2022, Chief of Police Ahlschlager be moved from step 6 to step 7 in the salary schedule for the position.
4. That the City Council approve an increase to the monthly salaries for the City Council and Mayor. It was proposed that City Council member salaries are increased from \$400 per month to \$525 per month and the Mayor's salary be increased from \$500 per month to \$625 per month. The last increase in the salary for these positions occurred in January 2009. The proposed increase would take effect on January 1, 2023. Council members reviewed a spreadsheet from the League of Minnesota Cities that showed the salaries of Mayors and City Council members from the communities around the State. This information had also been presented to the City Council in November of 2021. The following reasons were cited as a basis for recommending the increase in salaries:
 - a. The last salary increase occurred in 2009.
 - b. In addition to City Council meetings, each member also serves as the City Council representative to various commissions that require regular attendance at additional meetings.

- c. There are ongoing technology costs related to receiving meeting materials via an electronic format.
- d. The present salary structure may limit younger members of the community from serving in elected office if there is a need to pay for daycare costs to allow for attendance at evening meetings.

City Attorney Wieser reviewed the process and requirements to increase the salary for these positions. Upon passage, a full publication of the Ordinance will be submitted to the Houston County News to be published.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RYAN QUANRUD AS A POLICE OFFICER.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O’Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

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

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

MOTION TO PROMOTE CURRENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER CHARLES PETERSEN TO FULL-TIME STATUS TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY RYAN QUANRUD’S RESIGNATION AND OFFICER PETERSEN MOVE FROM STEP 1 TO STEP 2 OF THE LELS UNION CONTRACT AND PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LELS UNION CONTRACT, OFFICER PETERSEN WILL SERVE A TWELVE-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

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.

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

MOTION TO REMOVE LUKE AHLSCHLAGER’S 6-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD AS CHIEF OF POLICE AND THAT HE BE CLASSIFIED AS THE CITY’S CHIEF OF POLICE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 AND THAT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 CHIEF OF POLICE AHLSCHLAGER BE MOVED FROM STEP 6 TO STEP 7 IN THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE POSITION.

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.

Following discussion, Member Williams introduced the following Ordinance, and moved its passage and adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 561

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

SECTION I. SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – The salary of the Mayor of the City of La Crescent is hereby established to be \$7,500.00 per annum, payable \$625.00 per month, and the salary of the members of the City Council shall be \$6,300.00 per annum, payable \$525.00 per month.

SECTION II. SPECIAL MEETINGS COMPENSATION – There shall be no remuneration for Council members who attend duly convened special meetings of the City Council.

SECTION III. REPEAL – Ordinance No. 437 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed upon the provisions of this ordinance becoming effective.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE – This ordinance shall become effective upon its due passage and enactment, and publication from and after January 1, 2023.

PASSED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Hutchinson and 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 3.13 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – 9/6/2022

Community Development Director, Larry Kirch reviewed with City Council the Minutes from the September 6, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission is recommending to City Council to approve a proposed Conditional Use Permit to allow for engineered flood control openings at 106 Shore Acres Road with the following conditions of approval:

1. This CUP is conditionally approved pursuant to Chapter 12, ZONING ORDINANCE of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, Section 12-06, Conditional Use Permits and the use shall be as set forth in accordance with the application and plans attached and associated to this case and all the provisions of the zoning ordinance and city codes applicable to this case.
2. The applicant shall comply with the City's adopted building codes for all interior and exterior building improvements.
3. The applicant shall sign exhibit #4 the non-conversion form.
4. The applicant will submit a flood elevation certificate during construction of the piers and a flood elevation certificate upon completion of the project.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 106 SHORE ACRES ROAD WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES.

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

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

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

ITEM 3.14 - 2022 LICENSE RENEWAL

City Council reviewed a 2022 Gas Installers License Renewal Application from Deml Controls, Inc. The application appears to be in order, and it was suggested that the City Council approve the license renewal application. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 GAS INSTALLERS LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FROM DELM CONTROLS, INC.

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 3.15 – DONATION RESOLUTION

City Council reviewed a Resolution regarding the acceptance of donations to the City for the month of August, 2022. Following review and discussion, Member Jostad introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-22-27

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS MADE TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT IN AUGUST, 2022

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

WHEREAS, the following donations were made to the City of La Crescent in the month of August, 2022:

1. Greg and Lisa Fiegen wish to donate \$200.00 to the La Crescent Fire Department.

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

ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2022.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk

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

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

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

ITEM 3.16 – LIBRARY PROCLAMATION

City Council reviewed the 2022 Driftless Regional Read proclamation for the months of September through November 2022. Following discussion, Member O'Donnell-Ebner made a motion, seconded by Member Williams as follows:

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 DRIFTLESS REGIONAL READ PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER, 2022 AS DRIFTLESS REGIONAL READ
MONTHS IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.**

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 3.17 – HOUSE REMOVAL PROJECT

City Administrator Waller informed City Council that no bid proposals were received to remove the house that the City owns at 332 South First Street. Based on this, it was suggested that the City seek quotes to demolish the structure, and include funds in the City's 2023 general fund budget for this expenditure. The house would then be demolished sometime after the first of the year. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY TO SEEK QUOTES FOR DEMOLISHING THE CITY-OWNED HOUSE AT 332 SOUTH FIRST STREET AND TO INCLUDE THE FUNDS IN THE CITY'S 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR DEMOLISHMENT IN THE EARLY PART OF 2023.

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

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
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

City Council reviewed correspondence provided by Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson regarding an event showcasing all things electric.

ITEM 8 – HOUSTON COUNTY

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

ITEM 9 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce member Jen Etrheim was in attendance and gave Council an update.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Hutchinson 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 6:52 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator