

**Town of LaCrosse
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 13th, 2022**

***Notice:** Minutes which are public records, are notes taken to provide a summary memorandum of meetings or hearings and contain all official actions taken. Minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the meeting. If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter at this Meeting or Hearing, an individual record of the proceedings may be necessary to ensure that a verbatim record is made.*

The mayor called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilman Sheila Dubberly, Councilman Anthony Kelley, Vice Mayor Barbara Thomas, Town Attorney John Maines, Accountant Choi Choi, Fire Chief Leonard Reeder, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller, Mayor Dianne Dubberly, and Town Clerk Crystal Phillips.

Absent: Councilman Kyle Cheshire and Councilman Johnny Ho

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting 11-14-22: Councilman Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney – John Maines:

Attorney Maines asked for council consideration to attend council meetings by teleconference. Following discussion and input from Charles Kelley that the town could install TEAMS for teleconference capabilities, Councilman Kelley made a motion to install TEAMS for future meetings using ARP funds up to \$1500. Vice Mayor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Following discussion of the proposed Clay Electric Franchise Agreement with a 4% franchise fee, and not the 6% requested by the council, Councilman Dubberly made a motion to table the proposed agreement. Vice Mayor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding the Interlocal Agreement for Floodplain Building Permit and Inspection, and the Fire Department Personnel Rules establishing a tobacco policy, will continue at the January meeting.

Fire Department Report:

The call report was submitted for council review. The FMIT Grant application in the amount of \$1500 was submitted for the SBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) purchased by the fire department.

Continuing Business:

Additional street lighting CR 1493 still pending; Woodpecker Trail signage still pending; Swamp Cutters revised proposal for mulching Crepe Myrtles still pending.

The mayor referred the council to her letter to Staci Bertrand regarding the Duke Energy Grant.

Following discussion for the purchase of banners to show appreciation for the Duke Energy Grant, Councilman Kelley made a motion, that due to the town's prior satisfactory purchases from Renaissance Printing, to purchase two banners from Renaissance Printing at the proposed cost of \$119 each. Vice Mayor Thomas seconded the motion, which carried. The town clerk will order the banners.

Councilman Kelley made a motion that the banners are worded that the town thanks Duke Energy for the Grant awarded to the LaCrosse Fire Department. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Bigger Trucks: Bad for America's Communities, the town council decided not to make the motion to support.

WSPP NW 49th Ter Walking Trail Revised Order #2 from John C. Hipp Construction will be discussed at the January meeting.

Budget Report:

Accountant Choi submitted the monthly budget report to the council.

The council addressed Fire Department Christmas Bonuses and following discussion Councilman Kelley made a motion to issue a Christmas Bonus to Fire Chief Reeder in the amount of \$1000; Deputy Chief Miller \$1000; Fire Fighter Rosario \$500; Fire Fighter Twigg \$250; and FF Barber, FF Wheadon, FF Lewis and FF Cribbs, \$100 each. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas. Motion carried.

The council considered bonuses for town employees and following discussion Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion to issue Choi Choi, Accountant, a bonus of \$1000, with \$500 from general revenue and \$500 from the fire revenue, and to issue Crystal Phillips, town clerk, \$250 from general revenue.

Reports:

The mayor advised the council of the Alachua County Legislative Delegation Public Hearing held at Santa Fe State College on January 10th, 2023.

Mayor Dubberly stated she would like to send a Christmas card to Lacy Holtzworth, County Arborist, on behalf of the town council, thanking her for the landscaping trees she planted in LaCrosse. Vice Mayor Thomas made a motion in favor, seconded by Councilman Kelley and which carried.

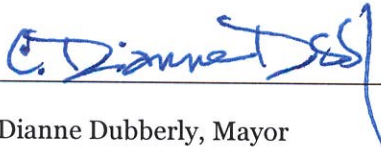
The mayor informed the council that the annual FMIT Insurance Value Schedule lists the Fire Station at \$216,450, and asked for discussion concerning the building value and replacement costs. Following discussion the council agreed the mayor should contact FMIT concerning an increase in building value to \$500,000. The mayor will report back.

Town Clerk reported that the streetlight banners arrived and thanked Councilman Kelley and Charles Kelley for the assistance. The council asked the town clerk to request a proposal from Swamp Cutters to install the new street banners.

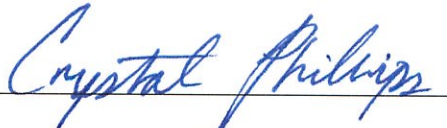
Councilman Kelley made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Dubberly, and which carried.

Councilman Kelley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Dubberly, and which carried.

Time: 7:34pm



C. Dianne Dubberly, Mayor



Crystal Phillips, Town Clerk