

**Town of LaCrosse
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2023**

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

Present: Councilman Kyle Cheshire, Councilman Sheila Dubberly, Councilman Johnny Ho, Councilman Barbara Thomas, Vice Mayor Anthony Kelley, Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Town Clerk Crystal Phillips, Accountant Choi Choi, and Town Attorney John Maines via Microsoft Teams.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting 08-08-23: Councilman Dubberly made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Cheshire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney – John Maines:

The *Alachua County Sheriff Precinct Agreement* was signed and approved.

Polling Place License Agreement will be continued in October meeting. Councilman Cheshire made a motion to table pending clarification of *Section 4 Payment to Licensor*. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carries. The mayor stated she will contact the Supervisor of Elections Office to clarify payments to licensor.

Councilman Dubberly made a motion to close the town hall on election day for the transaction of regular business and to keep the office area open to office personnel only for the performance of essential business. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Ordinance #2017-03 Duke Energy Franchise, the Mayor Dubberly invited Staci Bertrand, Manager Government and Community Relations to attend the meeting. Ms. Bertrand was unable to attend. Discussion will be continued in October.

New Business:

The Santa Fe Electric Proposal for repair of the recreation lights in the amount of \$3400 with an additional \$1200 for 5 lights was discussed with no action taken.

Turner Pest Control Inspection Report requested the mulch to be pushed back 2 inches from the building. D&D Land Works, LLC completed the job for \$150.00.

Reinstatement of Library Services, email from Joyce West, Public Services Division Director, the bookmobile is back in town and resumes same hours as previously.

Tree Trimming Completion of Job, Councilman Ho went through the town and signed off on the job. Following discussion pertaining to the trimming of the trees along the Woodpecker Walking Trail, the council agreed that in the future special provisions should be considered to forego trimming, or to trim less than the 15 feet as called for by the contract for the roadways. Specifications will be considered also for the type of equipment to be used to protect the grassy edges running alongside the trail.

Public Comment: A resident shares concerns of grass on Woodpecker Trail being destroyed by heavy equipment and the trees being trimmed too short.

Mayor Dubberly shared that North Florida Land Work completed street clearing from debris caused by Hurricane Idalia for \$5,600.00.

The mayor reported a tree located on NW 55 Dr with a severe crack running through the trunk which threatens the power line. The clerk will make a report to Duke Energy.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Reeder submitted the call report and made the monthly report before the council. The increased cost of operating the fire department was discussed and the mayor was asked to contact the county for information about participation in the countywide fire delivery system, and to also get information about levying a fire assessment.

Continuing Business

WSPP Workshop- Scheduling a workshop to develop a recreation and infrastructure project was tabled for the October meeting.

Budget Report:

Accountant Choi submitted the report for council review.

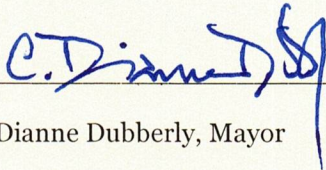
Reports:

Councilman Cheshire advised the council of his discussions with Ramon Gavarrete, Public Works Director and the agreement he was able to make with Mr. Gavarrete for repairs to the Rocky Creek Bridge on NW 58 Ter. The mayor was asked to write a letter thanking Mr. Gavarretes'.

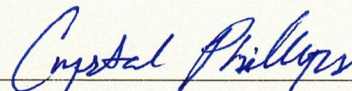
Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Cheshire, and which carried.

Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cheshire, and which carried.

Time: 7:45pm



C. Dianne Dubberly, Mayor



Crystal Phillips, Town Clerk