

**Town of LaCrosse
Regular Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2016**

Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

Notice: *If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter at this meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.*

Call meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Councilman Tommy Ewing; Councilman Barbara Thomas; Councilman Johnny Ho; Councilman Jennifer Mclendon; Councilman Giselle Z.Gopaul ; Mayor Dianne Dubberly; Attorney John Maines; Accountant Choi Choi and Town Clerk Lee Forzly

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting November 14, 2016

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion
Motion carries

Budget Report - Choi Choi

For the month of November we did fairly well overall. For the General Fund, we received \$4k of property tax earlier than anticipated. For the Street Fund, the loss was mainly due to the removal of the damaged oak tree(\$1,500) and moss treatment \$660.00). For CDBG -paid \$10k for GSG for administration, \$2,500 for relocation and \$3,500 for titles and fees. Year to date, we are doing pretty well. We have a loss in the street fund because we spent \$1750 last month to clean up after the hurricanes and \$2,100 this month for the oak tree/moss treatment.

Cash Balances:

The cash balances as of November 30,2016, October 31,2016 and this time last year were as follows.

General: 10/31/2015 \$26,922; 10/31/2016 \$35,291 and 11/30/2016 \$45,798

Fire: 10/31/2015 \$12,319; 10/31/2016 \$18,787 and 11/30/2016 \$9,781

Street: 10/31/2015 \$146,721; 10/31/2016 \$148,536 and 11/20/2016 \$147,955

CD-MM-Savings: 10/3/2015 \$146,656; 1-31/2016 \$87,790 and 11/30/2016 \$87,808.32

I transferred \$11k back to the general fund from the fire fund. The drop in the savings account reflects our \$57,000 pull from reserves to fund the fire department roof (\$24,650) and operating deficit in the last fiscal year.

New Business:

1. Mr. Harold Horne from Alachua County Codes Enforcement spoke to the council about options for moving forward in our local code enforcement. There was some discussion and the council decided to wait until they had more information about the process and discuss it as the January Meeting.

2. Bonus - The Christmas Bonus for Choi and Lee were discussed. Councilman Ewing made a motion to pay Lee \$150.00. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion,. Motion carries

Councilman Mclendon made a motion to pay Choi \$150.00 from the general fund and \$150.00 from the fire fund. Councilman Z.Gopaul seconded the motion Motion carries.

3.Sick Leave - Councilman Thomas made a motion to pay Lee 20 hours a week for 3 weeks while she is out having surgery. Councilman Mclendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Old Business: There was no old business

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Reports:

1.Attorney Report - John Maines Mr.Maines and the Town received a letter from Holden, Carpenter and Roscow about the boundaries on the Iris Sheffield property in LaCrosse. Mr. Maines touched briefly on it and will discuss it with them and the issue will be readdressed at the next council meeting.

2. Fire Department - Councilman Tommy Ewing

- a. Update on personnel rules as it relates to the Fire Department structure

Fire Chief - Dwayne King

Captain - Buddy Harris (promoted from Lt)

Lt. -Nelson Mesa

S/1- Duncan, Jones, Chadwick and part time firefighters

Councilman Ewing made a motion to pay Buddy Harris \$8.65 per hour. Councilman Mclendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- b. Christmas Bonus - Councilman Ewing made a motion (based on Chief King's request) to pay Captain Harris \$200.00, S/1 full time Jones \$200.00, full time Chadwick \$200.00 and full time Duncan \$100.00 (he had not been here a year). Councilman Mclendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to pay Captain Harris \$8.65 per hour. Councilman Mclendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- c. Inventory. The inventory will have to be re-taken and given to The Town Clerk within 6 weeks

d.Call report - Calls for the month:EMS 30, Fire 5,(4 brush fires, 1 structure fire outside the city).

Auto accident 2,(one was with extrication) and cancelled rerouted calls in city limits 2.

3. Mayor - Mayor Dubberly to write a thank you letter to the First Baptist Church of LaCrosse for the Thanksgiving gift baskets they donated to 3 of our residents.

4. Streets /Streetlights -Councilman Johnny Ho -Councilman Ho to make a list of the street signs That need to be replaced. He also turned in the street lights that are out.

5. Mowing- nothing to report

6. Buildings and Grounds - Mayor Dubberly had the property line cleared and the remaining Shrubs from the F.D.O.T. will be planted.

7. Parks/Recreation -Barbara Thomas- Water report was satisfactory.

8. Library - Councilman Barbara Thomas - nothing to report.

9. Grants - Councilman Mclendon reviewed her progress on the grant applications

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the bills .CouncilmanMclendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion carries. Time: 9 p.m.

C.D. Dubberly - Mayor

Lee Forzly - Town Clerk