

**Town of LaCrosse
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11,2016**

Minutes which are public record, 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 word for word or verbatim transcription of the meeting

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm,

Present: Mayor Dianne Dubberly; Councilman Tommy Ewing; Councilman Barbara Thomas; Councilman Johnny Ho; Councilman Richard Dubberly; Councilman Jennifer Mclendon; Accountant Laura Ling; Attorney John Maines; Town Clerk Lee Forzly and Lacrosse Fireman John Cook.

Approval of minutes June 13, 2016

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

Budget Report: Accountant Laura Ling

For the month of June, we met or exceeded budget on all points except for the street fund, due to timing of the light maintenance contract. The fire department did much better than budget due to lower than budgeted payroll expenses and the VFA grant being received (\$4,544).

This month we caught up on budget a bit, although we are still well behind.

General Fund: \$4,695 behind budget, due to the following items

Property taxes below budget \$2,541

Building payment \$3,329

Park Maintenance \$1,010

Fire Fund: \$8,190 behind budget, due primarily to the building maintenance.

Street Fund: \$5,114 behind budget, due primarily to timing of light contract payment

Cash Balances: the cash balances as of June 30,2016 , May 31,2016 and this time last year were as follows: Total Cash 6/30/15 \$339,520, Total Cash 5/31/16 \$281,46, Total Cash 6/30/2016 \$291,694

The drop in the savings account reflects our \$57,000 pull from reserves to fund the fire department rood, (\$24,650),equipment(\$7,542), and operating deficit. As you recall, we budgeted a deficit of \$54,638 for the general and fire fund for this year.

A budget workshop has been scheduled for Monday July 18th at 7pm.

New Business:

Sally Palmi - Director for Alachua County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery , discussed an interlocal agreement between the county and the municipalities for storm debris management.

Gerry Dedenbach from Casseau, Hewett & Walpole, Inc.presented a timeline for the Florida Ranch Project.

Tyler Hildebran Associate Pastor of Lacrosse Baptist Church announced a fish fry on July 29th at 6 pm to be held at the park. Donations will be for the La Crosse Fire Department.

Old Business:

N.W. 49th Terrace - Mayor Dubberly advised the council of the letter written regarding the trash dumped on N.W. 49th Terrace.

Reports:

Attorney Report: nothing to report

Fire Department:

Councilman Ewing gave us an update on the ISO Plan.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to increase Interim Fire Chief Buddy Harris's rate of pay to \$9.25 effective date of his 6/13/16 appointment. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to give incentives for firefighters working holidays.

Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The scholarship money for firefighters was tabled for the workshop.

Call Report: 32 calls Total (22 medical 10 fire)

3 inside LaCrosse town limits

6 inside Alachua city limits

1 inside High Springs, city limits.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Dubberly informed the council that LaCrosse was awarded a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$6,000 which will be used to contract with NCFRPC to update the comprehensive plan bringing it up to current state standards.

The mayor also discussed:

- a. Removal of trees in our parking area and soliciting bids.
- b. Remove a wall in the office and new flooring and suggested extending the town's loan or sourcing a loan with another bank.

Street/Street Lights: Councilman Ho had nothing to report

Mowing: Councilman Dubberly had nothing to report

Buildings/Grounds: Town Clerk Lee Forzly will solicit bids for parking lot tree removal.

Bids to be opened at August 8th council meeting.

Parks/Recreation: Councilman Thomas reported the well sample passed inspection. She also mentioned that the well would need to be secured next budget year.

Personnel Rules: Nothing new to report

Library: Councilman Thomas reported that she and Mayor Dubberly met with Director Shaney Livingston to discuss a library branch in Lacrosse. They also discussed consistent hours for the bookmobile and a sign indicating the days and hours.

Grants: Councilman McLendon brought us up to date on what she is working on and what she will be working on in the future.

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

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Time 9.25 pm

Lee Forzly - Town Clerk

C.D. Dubberly - Mayor