

**Town of LaCrosse**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 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 Johnny Ho; Councilman Richard Dubberly; Councilman Jennifer McLendon; Accountant Laura Ling; Attorney John Maines; Interim Fire Chief Buddy Harris and Town Clerk Lee Forzly

**Absent** Councilman Barbara Thomas

**Approval of regular meeting minutes July 11, 2016**

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

**Approval of special called meeting minutes July 25, 2016**

Councilman Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion Carries.

**Budget Report:** Accountant Laura Ling

Councilman Ewing made a motion to budget Capitol City Bank loan into new budget year 2016-17. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion Carries

The first budget hearing will be on September 8th at 7 pm

For the month of July, the general fund did worse than budget, partly because of timing of revenues, payments for computer assistance and the building mortgage that were not budgeted, and the annual payroll renewal. The fire department did better than budget in part because of the donation received from the LaCrosse Baptist Church and timing of expense payments. This month we caught up on budget a bit, although we are still well behind budget:

**General Fund:** Property taxes below budget \$2,527; Building payment: \$3,698 and Park Maintenance: \$1,010.

**Fire Fund:** \$4,867 behind budget, primarily to the building maintenance

**Street Fund:** \$4,687 behind budget, due primarily to timing of light contract payment.

**Cash Balances:** The cash balances as of July 31, 2015, June 30, 2016 and this time last year were as follows: The total cash as of 7/31/2015 was \$344,965; 6/30/2016 \$291,694 and 7/31/16 \$292,204

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

**New Business:**

Attorney John Maines opened and read the bids for the trees to be removed on the Town Hall Property

Bids were as follows:

|           |          |        |          |          |
|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Frierson: | 12 trees | \$4800 | 15 trees | \$6000   |
| Nettles:  | 12 trees | \$5500 | 15 trees | \$7300   |
| All Star: | 12 trees | \$5600 | 15 trees | \$7200   |
| Gator:    | 12 trees | \$6400 | 15 trees | \$8200   |
| Daughtry: | 12 trees | \$9100 | 15 trees | \$12,100 |

All bidders had their certificates of liability and workman's comp certificated included.

Councilman Ewing made the motion to accept the low bid from Frierson and Son LLC to remove all 15 trees.

Councilman Ho seconded the motion. Motion Carries

Councilman McLendon made a motion to donate the old Town Hall sign to LaCrosse Baptist Church. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Dubberly made a motion to send a "official letter" to LaCrosse Baptist Church for donations received for the fire department during the fish fry. Councilman McLendon seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to write a letter to Sparky's: International Vacuum Tube Supply and Joanna Pakula regarding the upkeep of their property. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Councilman McLendon made a motion authorizing the mayor to sign the letter to Commissioner Hutchinson on the proposed stormwater ordinance. Councilman Ewing seconded the motion. Motion Carries.

**Old Business:**

N.W. 49th Terrace - Nothing new to report

**Public Comments-** Juliun Kinsey introduced himself as a candidate for District 2 School Board.

**Reports:**

**Attorney Report:** nothing to report

**Fire Department:**

- a. Councilman Ewing gave us an update on the septic tank. b. personnel rules-nothing new
- c. Call Report- Total calls in LaCrosse town limits 2 medical
  - Total calls in LaCrosse District 22 but not in the city limits - 23
  - Total Calls in Alachua District 21 - 13
  - Total calls in High Springs District 29 limits - 1
  - Total calls for station - 39**
  - Total MVA - 5
  - Total fire related calls - 11. Of those fire related calls in district 22 , 1 will be counted toward ISO rating with 4 responders

**Mayor Report:**

Mayor Dubberly discussed the public restrooms and a possible solution with key access through the fire department. She also brought us up to date on the Rocky Creek Bridge historical designation and future grant funding, and called attention to the handouts on the upcoming candidate forum and a water policy meeting to be held on 8/29

**Street/Street Lights:** Mayor Dubberly asked Johnny Ho to look into the replacement of street signs

**Mowing:** Councilman Dubberly had nothing to report

**Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Dubberly is going to ask A.J. to clean up around the live oak tree on the back fenceline and to call Florida Pest Control about spraying the moss.

**Parks/Recreation:** Nothing to report

**Library:** Mayor Dubberly and Councilman Thomas to meet with Shaney Livingston August 22cd at the Town Hall

**Grants:** Nothing to report

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

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carries. Time 8:55 pm

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Lee Forzly - Town Clerk

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C.D. Dubberly - Mayor