



# City of Onalaska Meeting Notice

**COMMITTEE/BOARD:** Special Common Council  
**DATE OF MEETING:** October 21, 2019 (Monday)  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** City Hall – 415 Main Street (Common Council Chambers)  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 4:00 P.M.

## PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
3. Public input: (limited to 3 minutes / individual)

### **Consideration And Possible Action On The Following Items:**

4. **Resolution 37-2019** – To Withdraw Request to Create La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District
5. Review and consideration of authorization to fill Event Coordinator position
6. Adjournment

### **NOTICES MAILED TO:**

*Mayor Joe Chilsen	_____	_____
*Ald. Tom Smith	_____	_____
*Ald. Jim Olson	_____	_____
*Ald. Dan Stevens	_____	_____
*Ald Boondi Iyer	_____	_____
*Ald. Diane Wulf	_____	_____
*Ald. Kim Smith	_____	_____
City Attorney	City Administrator	_____
Dept Heads	La Crosse Tribune	_____
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\*Committee Members

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**RESOLUTION 37 - 2019****RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW REQUEST TO CREATE LA CROSSE AREA METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Onalaska passed a resolution to create the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District on December 11, 2018 (the “Creation Resolution”) because municipalities across the State of Wisconsin including the La Crosse area are experiencing budgeting restraints and regionalizing services such as wastewater treatment allows for better fiscal management and cost effectiveness, better planning and the provision of efficient and environmentally-sound sewerage collection and treatment systems across a greater area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Onalaska passed the Creation Resolution for the purpose of creating a metropolitan sewerage district known as the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District (“LAMSD”), which would have encompassed the territories of the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Town of Shelby and Town of Campbell and by interstate compact include the City of La Crescent, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of LAMSD would have been to approach wastewater collection and treatment from a regional perspective, allowing the district to pool resources that will enhance the quality of life of area residents by identifying and meeting the wastewater and collection needs for its local communities, planning for long-term growth of the area, providing innovative engineering and environmental initiatives, conservation leadership and allowing the district to be cost-conscious for all ratepayers across the board; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse has created a requirement that any long-term sewer agreement that it enters into for non-resident use of the Isle La Plume wastewater treatment plant requires the agreement of any contracting municipality to pay a regional services fee for services unrelated to the conveyance and treatment of wastewater; and

**WHEREAS**, if the LAMSD was created by the action of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, that LAMSD would be required to enter into a long-term contract with the City of La Crosse for treatment of wastewater; and

**WHEREAS**, the LAMSD could not legally charge its members or their citizens for a regional service fees to be paid to the City of La Crosse that were unrelated to the provision of sewerage transport and treatment.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Onalaska has determined that the City of La Crosse’s requirement that unrelated regional service fees be paid in connection with any long-term contract regarding use of the City of La Crosse’s Isle La Plume wastewater treatment facility frustrates and denies the purpose of the LAMSD; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Onalaska that the City of Onalaska’s requests that the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District be created with the territories of the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Town of Shelby and Town of Campbell is hereby withdrawn.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

CITY OF ONALASKA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Chilsen, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caroline Burmaster, Clerk

PASSED:  
APPROVED:  
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