

## **Mayor: No Merit Pay Hikes for Dept. Heads**

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No extra in the paycheck for you, Mister city department head.

La Crosse city department heads are going through their annual evaluations. In the past those evals had been used to justify giving some pretty sizable pay bumps to high level employees. Not this year, says Mayor Matt Harter. That decision based, he says, on the economic condition of the city right now.

Harter says the new austerity sends a message to taxpayers that city employees will suffer right along with those who pay their salaries.