

Veto overrides became the central focus of the city council this week in La Crosse. The council turned over ten vetoes by the mayor in a Thursday night meeting. Nine were for new hires approved by the city council last month. But probably the most notable was overturning the mayor's veto of a marijuana possession ticket writing ordinance. The ordinance gives police the ability to write tickets for first time marijuana possession. Police chief Ed Kondracki had strongly opposed the measure, saying it sends a pro-drug use message. Kondracki also has said that his officers will likely not use the ordinance but continue to charge possession as a crime.