

A couple of big dollar property tax disagreements could be decided by the La Crosse city council in the next month. One involves WTC and its new dormitory on La Crosse street. Worth eight million, says city assessor Mark Schlafer, but not actually owned by the tech school which had entered into a lease agreement with an option to purchase with a corporation called Paul and Pauline's corner which owns the land and the building. TC says the building's property exempt, Schlafer disagrees. Nearly a quarter million dollars in taxes are in play with that dispute. Tens of thousands also could be at stake regarding a dispute involving the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The shrine wants the entire pilgrim's center to be tax exempt. Schlafer says only a portion of it deserves that consideration.