

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**North Conference Room**

**4:00 p.m.**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Council President Kincaid called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members Catherine Emmanuelle, Kerry Kincaid, David Klinkhammer, Eric Larsen, Monica Lewis, Kathy Mitchell, David Strobel, Bob Von Haden, Andrew Werthmann, and Michael Xiong. Absent: Council Member Duax.

Council President Kincaid stated that there were two unusual situations for the Council to be aware of regarding this meeting.

The recount of the District 4 election results was completed on Friday, April 17. While the outcome of the election was confirmed by the recount, the petitioner has five business days to appeal the findings to circuit court. A certificate of election in District 4 cannot be issued until Monday, April 27. Thus, Bob Von Haden cannot be sworn in at this meeting and consequently would not be able to vote on the matters on the agenda.

The death of Council Member David Duax on Friday, April 17 created a vacancy in District 1. The Council will wait until their meetings on May 11 / 12 to discuss and vote on the process to use in selecting an appointee to fill that position.

#### **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

City Clerk Donna Austad administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Members David Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell and Andrew Werthmann.

#### **PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President Kincaid gave her annual "The Charge to the Council" message.

#### **SELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Council President Kincaid said the nine voting members could take up the issues of electing a Vice President and making Council Member appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions or the items could be tabled until a future meeting. Mr. Von Haden addressed the Council. Von Haden said the close election in Aldermanic District 4 again showed the importance of each person's vote. Von Haden respectfully requested that the items be postponed to a future meeting after he had been sworn in and was a voting member of the Council. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle "to postpone consideration of Items #3, Election of Council Vice President and Item #4, Appointment of Council Members to Boards, Commissions and Committees, until

Monday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular Monday Public Hearing session”. Said motion to postpone passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

City Attorney Stephen Nick reviewed the roles of Manager/Council form of government as outlined in the updated section of the City Council handbook.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Larsen “that this meeting does now adjourn.” Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: April 21, 2015

Time: 4:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

/s/ Donna A. Austad, City Clerk