

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

City Council Chamber

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.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

City Clerk Donna Austad administered the Oath of Office to District 4 Council Member Representative Bob Von Haden.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Kincaid called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Larsen nominated Council Member Mitchell. Council President Kincaid called for nominations two additional times. No other nominations being heard, Kincaid declared nominations closed and a unanimous voice vote was cast for Council Member Mitchell as Vice President.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members had previously submitted their committee preferences. Council President Kincaid said in cases where more Council Members had expressed interest in a particular committee than there are positions available, the Council would vote on the membership. Kincaid also indicated that some positions may remain open and choices could be reviewed when an appointment is made to the District 1 seat.

There were three positions on the Advisory Committee on Appointments. According to City Code, the Council President serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Emmanuelle, Mitchell and Von Haden had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The three candidates stated their reasons for wanting to serve on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands. Council Member Emmanuelle received 7 votes (Klinkhammer, Xiong, Werthmann, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle); Council Member Mitchell received 10 votes (Lewis, Klinkhammer, Xiong, Strobel, Werthmann, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle, Von Haden). Council Member Von Haden received 3 votes (Lewis, Strobel, Von Haden). Council Members Emmanuelle and Mitchell will serve on the Committee.

There were two positions on the Affirmative Action Committee. Council Members Emmanuelle and Xiong had expressed interest and will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board. Council Member Kincaid had expressed interest and will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Chippewa Valley Sports Commission. Council Member Lewis had expressed interest and will serve on the Committee.

There were three positions on the Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee. Council Members Larsen, Lewis and Strobel had expressed interest and will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the City / County Board of Health. Council Member Mitchell had expressed interest and will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Housing Authority Board. Council Member Xiong had expressed interest and will serve on the Board.

There were three positions on the Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives. The Council President serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Klinkhammer, Lewis and Mitchell had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Klinkhammer withdrew his name from consideration. Council Members Kincaid, Lewis and Mitchell will be the City Representatives on the Commission for the next year.

There was one position on the Landmarks Commission. Council Members Strobel and Werthmann had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Werthmann withdrew his name from consideration. Council Member Strobel will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Library Board. Council Member Klinkhammer expressed interest and will serve on the Board.

There were two positions on the Plan Commission. According to City Ordinance, Council Members appointed to the Plan Commission are to be elected by a two-thirds vote, meaning seven affirmative votes would be required. Council Members Larsen and Mitchell had expressed interest in serving on the Commission. The candidates stated their reasons for wanting to serve on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands. Council Member Larsen received 10 votes (Lewis, Klinkhammer Xiong, Werthmann, Strobel, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle, Von Haden); Council Member Mitchell received 10 votes (Lewis, Klinkhammer Xiong, Werthmann, Strobel, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle, Von Haden). Council Members Larsen and Mitchell will serve on the Plan Commission.

There were two positions on the Putnam Parks Commission. Council Member Werthmann had expressed interest and will serve on the Commission. The second seat will remain vacant at this time.

There was one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Members Klinkhammer, Von Haden and Werthmann had expressed interest in serving on the Authority. Council Member Von Haden withdrew his name from consideration. The Council voted by a show of hands. Council Member Klinkhammer received 9 votes (Lewis, Klinkhammer Xiong, Strobel, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle, Von Haden). Council Member Werthmann received one vote (Werthmann). Council Member Klinkhammer will serve on the Redevelopment Authority.

There were three positions on the Economic Policy Advisory Committee. Council Member Klinkhammer, as the Council representative on the Redevelopment Authority, will serve on the Economic Policy Advisory Committee. Council Members Emmanuelle, Larsen and Von Haden had expressed interest in the two remaining positions. The three candidates stated their reasons for wanting to serve on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands. Council Member Emmanuelle received 8 votes (Klinkhammer Xiong, Werthmann, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Von Haden, Emmanuelle). Council Member Larsen received 7 votes (Klinkhammer, Werthmann, Strobel, Kincaid, Mitchell, Larsen, Emmanuelle). Council Member Von Haden received 4 votes (Lewis, Xiong, Strobel, Von Haden). Council Members Emmanuelle and Larsen will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Council Member Lewis had expressed interest and will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Seven Mile Creek Landfill Standing Committee. Council Member Larsen will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Special Assessment Deferment Committee. Council Member Von Haden will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Transit Commission. Council Member Xiong had expressed interest and will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Utility Appeals Board. Council Member Mitchell agreed to serve on the Board on a temporary basis.

There were two positions on the Visit Eau Claire (Convention & Visitors Bureau) Board. Council Members Emmanuelle, Larsen and Strobel had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Larsen withdrew his name from consideration. Council Members Emmanuelle and Strobel will serve on the Board.

There were two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Members Von Haden and Werthmann had expressed interest and will serve on the Commission.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

The Council drew for their Chamber seating arrangement.

RECESS

At 6:45 p.m., the Council recessed for 15 minutes. Following the recess, the Council proceeded with the bi-monthly Public Hearing / Public Discussion meeting.

Recess: 6:45 p.m. Adjournment following regular meeting and closed session: 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

Donna A. Austad, City Clerk

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council Vice President	Council Member Mitchell
Advisory Committee on Appointments	Council Members Kincaid, Emmanuelle, Mitchell
Affirmative Action Committee	Council Members Emmanuelle, Xiong
Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board	Council Member Kincaid
Chippewa Valley Sports Commission	Council Member Lewis
Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee	Council Members Larsen, Lewis, Strobel
City / County Board of Health	Council Member Mitchell
Housing Authority Board.	Council Member Xiong
Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives	Council Members Kincaid, Lewis, Mitchell
Landmarks Commission	Council Member Strobel
Library Board	Council Member Klinkhammer
Plan Commission	Council Members Larsen, Mitchell
Putnam Parks Commission	Council Member Werthmann and one vacant seat
Redevelopment Authority Board	Council Member Klinkhammer
Revolving Loan Fund Committee	Council Member Lewis
Seven Mile Creek Landfill Standing Committee	Council Member Larsen
Special Assessment Deferment Committee	Council Member Von Haden
Transit Commission	Council Member Xiong
Utility Appeals Board	Council Member Mitchell
Visit Eau Claire Board	Council Members Emmanuelle, Strobel
Waterways and Parks Commission	Council Members Von Haden, Werthmann