

## **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

**CITY HALL 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 Larry Balow, David Duax, Catherine Emmanuelle, Kerry Kincaid, David Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell, Mark Olson, Jackie Pavelski, Bob Von Haden, Thomas Vue, and Andrew Werthmann.

### **2013 BUDGET- COUNCIL MOTIONS**

The City Council considered various motions to amend the 2013 Program of Services and 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **TRAINING BUDGET**

Council President Kincaid passed the gavel to Vice President Duax.

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Balow “to allocate \$3,000 from the City Council – Training/Meeting, 2013 Program of Services budget appropriation of \$24,600, to be used by members of the City’s boards, committees, and commissions for training reimbursement”. The Council discussed if such training should be limited to the chairs, their designees or open to all members. It was determined that issue would be addressed in the policy to be developed. A motion was offered by Council Member Duax “to amend the motion by deleting the words ‘The reimbursements’ from the beginning of the second sentence and inserting the words ‘Said training and reimbursement’.” Said motion to amend was accepted as a friendly amendment. The Council then voted on the motion as amended. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Mitchell, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Olson.

#### **CITY FLEET**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Mitchell “to reallocate the \$37,500 designated in the 2012 budget for the purchase of an electric vehicle and charging station in Central Equipment (Fund 422) to a Fleet Energy Efficiency Improvement Program. The intent of the program will be to create demonstration projects by providing funding for the incremental additional cost necessary to purchase vehicles, scheduled for replacement in the City’s fleet that currently use fossil fuel, with vehicles that use alternative fuels, including but not limited to electricity, liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, biofuels, propane, or hydrogen fuel cells”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Vice President Duax returned the gavel to Council President Kincaid.

## **STREET IMPROVEMENTS – BLACK AVENUE & CTH ‘Q’**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Balow “to amend the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan by reducing the funding for Street Improvements (Fund 440) – CTH “Q” and Black Avenue to \$200,000 and by increasing the funding for Street Improvements (Fund 440) – Arterial Street Construction to \$2,300,000.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer “adjust the amounts to \$250,000 and \$2,250,000, respectively”. Said motion was accepted by the mover and seconder as a friendly amendment. The Council then voted on the motion as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Olson “to amend the 2013 Program of Services by increasing the Economic Development Contributions and Other Payments – Payment to Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation to \$90,000 and that the Economic Development Fund working capital/fund balance be reduced by \$2,000”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Mitchell.

A motion was offered by Council Member Pavelski and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to amend the 2013 Program of Services by reducing the Economic Development, Fixed Charges – Implementation Reserves by \$12,100 and increasing the Economic Development Contributions and Other Payments – Payment to the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center by \$12,100”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Mitchell, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Olson.

## **TRANSIT TRASNFER CENTER**

A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan to reduce the funding in Land, Buildings & Equipment (Fund 434) for window replacement at City Hall from \$50,000 to \$38,000 and to add funding in Public Transit (Fund 408) in the amount of \$12,000 for the installation of air conditioning and improved air handling equipment at the Downtown Transit Transfer Center”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Mitchell, Olson, Pavelski, Vue and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Balow, Duax, Klinkhammer, and Von Haden.

## **SCULPTURE TOUR**

A motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to amend the 2013 Program of Services to appropriate \$2,400 from the Community Enhancement Fund to Sculpture Tour Eau Claire to assist in funding a portion of the “People’s Choice” award”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE**

A motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to amend the City’s Budget and Financial Management Policy for Working Capital to read as follows: *The City will maintain a working capital reserve of ~~\$3.7 million~~ equal to 10% of the Adopted General Fund Budget to provide funds for reasonable cash flow needs. This reserve will also be used when the City encounters unforeseen emergencies such as storms, floods, severe unexpected increases in service costs or decreases in revenue, or other situations that are determined to be emergency situations by the City Council.*” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CITY / COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adjust the City-County Health Department budget for changes related to the County’s level of support”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Balow “to direct the City Manager to provide an update in January 2013 on the status of financing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Activated Sludge Process.” Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Pavelski, Von Haden and Vue. Nay: Council Members Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Mitchell, Olson, and Werthmann.

## **RATIFYING MOTION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Balow “ratifying and confirming the various motions amending the resolutions adopting the 2013 Program of Services and the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2013 Program of Services and the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **2013 BUDGET - RESOLUTIONS**

### **GENERAL FUND**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 for the General Fund. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Olson “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **LIBRARY**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CITY / COUNTY HEALTH**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 for the City - County Health Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **AGENCIES & UTILITIES**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the following proposed budgets for various agencies and utilities of the City of Eau Claire for fiscal year 2013:

Economic Development	Outdoor Pool
Community Enhancement	Risk Management
Downtown Fund	Central Equipment
Cemetery Maintenance	Public Transit
Hazardous Materials Response	Redevelopment Authority
Landfill Remediation	Debt Service - General Fund
Water Utility	Debt Service - TID #6
Sewer Utility	(Northeast Industrial Area)
Storm Water Management	Debt Service - TID #7
Parking Utility	(Soo Line Development Area)
Hobbs Ice Center	

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **TAX LEVIES AND RATES**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2012 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2013 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2012 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Balow and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2012 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Olson and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2013 - 2017 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OFFICIAL INTENT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2013 Budgets for the four Business Improvement Districts:

- South Barstow Business Improvement District
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District
- Water Street Business Improvement District
- N. Barstow / Medical Business Improvement District

and authorization to levy special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WATER RATE APPLICATIONS**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing a simplified rate case application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase in 2012 to be implemented in early 2013. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Balow and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered a resolution authorizing a full rate case application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase in 2013 to be implemented in 2014. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Olson and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **FEES AND LICENSES**

The Council considered a resolution amending the City Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2013. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Mitchell, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Balow.

## **2013 BUDGET – ORDINANCES**

### **SEWER RATE INCREASE**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Sewerage Service Charge”, to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2012 Program of Services. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **PAY PLAN**

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City Pay Plan, specifically those parts thereof pertaining to Local 284, CTSEA, Confidential and Temporary employees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed unanimous vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Duax “that this meeting does now adjourn.” Said motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: November 7, 2012

Time: 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

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Donna A. Austad, City Clerk