

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTION

Thursday, November 5, 2010

City Council Chamber

5:00 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, Thomas Kemp, Kerry Kincaid, David Klinkhammer, Mark Olson, Jackie Pavelski, Bob Von Haden, Thomas Vue, Dana Wachs and Andrew Werthmann

BUDGET MOTIONS

The Council considered various motions to amend the proposed 2011 Program of Services and the 2011 – 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

DRUG TASK FORCE

A motion was offered by Council Member Olson and seconded by Council Member Balow “to reduce the General Fund by the \$110,000 allocated to the Detective-Sergeant position for the West Central Drug Task Force”. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Olson and Vue. Nay: Council Members Duax, Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Wachs, and Werthmann.

ELECTRICIAN / SIGNAL TECHNICIAN

Council Member Olson withdrew his motion to reduce the General Fund by \$60,000 by eliminating the Electrician/Signal Technician at \$79,100, but adding back \$19,100 to repair and maintenance accounts.

HIRING FREEZE

Council Member Balow withdrew his motion that a moratorium be placed on the creation of any new positions during 2011.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE STUDY

A motion was offered by Council Member Balow and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “that by May 9, 2011, the City Manager bring recommendations forward to the City Council regarding the City’s overall optimal organization structure based on a comprehensive assessment at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 to be funded from a one-time use of fund balance”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FAIRFAX POOL

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Balow “that the City Manager convene a diverse civic engagement work group to submit a report to City Council by July 11, 2011 regarding the continued operation of Fairfax Municipal Pool, including recommendations on (1) whether to close the pool or continue operations through investment in necessary capital improvements; and (2) how the community should fund necessary improvements if the pool is to remain open”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Pavelski “to amend the motion by deleting the phrase ‘whether to close the pool or’ and the phrase ‘if the pool is to remain open’.” Said motion to amend was accepted by the mover and seconder as a friendly amendment. The Council then voted on the motion as amended. Said motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, and Vue.

Council Member Duax withdrew his proposed motion that the Fairfax Municipal Pool renovations of \$250,000 in 2011 and \$750,000 in 2012 be deferred until 2012 and 2013 respectively and to delete the \$250,000 General Fund transfer to the pool in 2011.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was offered by Council Member Olson and seconded by Council Member Balow “to transfer the \$220,000 which was saved on the Phoenix Park restroom project to the Bridge Capital Improvement Program in lieu of issuing \$220,000 in General Obligation Bonds in 2011”. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Olson, Von Haden, Vue and Wachs. Nay: Council Members Duax, Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Pavelski and Werthmann.

PARK RESTROOMS

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to use the \$220,000 which was saved on the Phoenix Park restroom project to renovate restrooms at Carson, Owen, and Riverview Parks along with related site improvements”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Von Haden, Wachs and Werthmann.

LEVY DECREASE

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “that the proposed levy increase of 6.1% be reduced by \$435,000, or approximately 1.3%, through a one-time substitution of fund balance for levy-based transfers to the Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Olson, Pavelski, Vue and Wachs. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Von Haden and Werthmann.

SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Balow “to defer the proposed 2011 Capital Equipment expenditure of \$330,000 for replacement of a Sewer Utility Jet/Vacuum until 2012”. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Pavelski, Vue and Wachs. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Olson, Von Haden and Werthmann.

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Kemp “that \$2,000 of the Community Enhancement fund balance be allocated to the Children’s Museum for a total contribution of \$4,400”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CHIPPEWA FALLEY MUSEUM

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Kemp “that \$3,100 of the Community Enhancement fund balance be allocated to the Chippewa Valley Museum for capital projects”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY / COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Pavelski and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “that the 2011 City / County Health Department budget be amended to add \$10,000 in expenditures to cover a compensation package study and an additional \$10,000 to cover costs for temporary rental space, both items to be funded by available Health Department fund balance”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RATIFYING MOTION

A motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Kemp “ratifying and confirming the various motions adopted by the Council amending the resolutions adopting the 2011 Program of Services and the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2011 Program of Services and the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, for the City’s General Fund. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kemp and seconded by Council Member Balow “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

L. E. PHILLIPS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Wachs “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY / COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, for the City - County Health Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Olson “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY 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 2011:

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

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax 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 2010 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2011 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “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 2010 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kemp and seconded by Council Member Balow “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2010 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Wachs “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2011 - 2015 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Olson “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OFFICIAL INTENT

The 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 Duax and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GASB STATEMENT 54

The Council considered a resolution implementing GASB Statement #54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2011 budgets for the four Business Improvement Districts within the City and authorization to levy special assessments:

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

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

FEES AND LICENSES

The Council considered a resolution amending the City’s Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2011. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Wachs “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Duax, Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Balow.

WATER RATE INCREASE REQUEST

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Olson “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Balow and Duax.

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 2011 Program of Services. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Olson, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Balow and Duax.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: November 5, 2010

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

ATTEST:

Donna A. Austad, City Clerk