

## MINUTES

### EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTION

Thursday, November 5, 2009

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, Jackie Pavelski, Bob Von Haden, Thomas Vue, Dana Wachs and Andrew Werthmann. Absent: Council Member Berlye Middleton.

#### BUDGET MOTIONS

The Council considered various motions proposed to amend the resolutions adopting the 2010 Program of Services and the 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### LEGAL SERVICES

A motion was offered by Council Member Balow and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to amend the 2010 Program of Services to provide that contractual legal costs be budgeted in an account segregated for legal expenses only”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

A motion was offered by Council Member Kemp and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to hold funding for the outside organizations listed on page A-2 of the 2010 Recommended Outside Organization Requests to 2009 levels, excluding the contractual Convention Visitors Bureau allocation. Said funding shall be accomplished by transferring \$17,200 from the room tax allocation for the Parks CIP. If room tax income for 2010 exceeds projections, the City's portion of the additional income will be allocated to the Parks CIP”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Wachs and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to keep the funding for the Municipal Band at the manager’s recommended 2010 level”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden “to amend Council Member Wachs’ motion “to also keep the funding for the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp at the manager’s recommended 2010 level”. Said motion was accepted by the mover and seconder as a friendly amendment. The Council then voted on the Wachs’ motion with the friendly amendment. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue and Wachs. Nay: Council Members Balow, Kemp, Kincaid and Werthmann. The Council then voted on Council Member Kemp’s original motion as amended. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kemp, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Kincaid.

### **SAFE ROADS & SAVINGS INITIATIVE**

A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Kemp “to create a Safe Roads and Savings Initiative by amending the 2010 Program of Services to:

- (1) increase the appropriation for seal coating by \$100,000;
- (2) increase the appropriation for the bituminous overlay program for streets for milling and overlay by \$270,000; and
- (3) increase the appropriation for the snow plowing budget by \$60,000 to restore the City’s previous 2 inch snow plow policy;

subject to the funding for the increased appropriations being generated through revenue from adoption of a 2010 Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance for an annual \$10 registration fee, to be brought forward for the Council’s consideration prior to December 31, 2009”. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Kincaid and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kemp, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, and Wachs.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE**

A motion was offered by Council Member Pavelski and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to transfer \$100,000 from the 2010 Forest Street parking lot shown in the Parking Utility Capital Improvement Plan to the General Fund seal coating program and to reschedule the Forest Street parking lot for 2011 in lieu of the 2011 parking ramp maintenance”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was offered by Council Member Wachs and seconded by Council Member Duax “to allocate \$100,000 from the anticipated proceeds of the sale of the former UW Health Building to the 2010 seal coating program”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kemp, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Kincaid.

### **COUNCIL TRAVEL**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to reduce City Council travel expense by \$5,000 and to increase contingency by \$5,000”. Said motion failed on the following tie vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Pavelski, Vue, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Von Haden, and Wachs.

### **FIRE BELL RESTORATION PROJECT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to appropriate \$1,000 for the Fire Bell Restoration Project by transferring \$1,000 from the Public Building Maintenance Program in the 2010 Land, Buildings, and Equipment Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Wachs, and Werthmann.

Council Member Duax left the Council Chamber.

### **AMBULANCE RATES**

A motion was offered by Council Member Wachs and seconded by Council Member Kemp “to increase the ambulance rates in the Schedule of Fees and Licenses to the average rates charged by other municipalities in west central Wisconsin”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Duax returned to the Council Chamber.

### **STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Kemp “to reduce other funding sources in the Street Improvement Fund by \$340,000 and to increase funding by General Obligation Bonds by the same amount”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Balow “to direct the Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee to study options regarding car allowances in consideration of converting to a mileage reimbursement program and report to the City Council by July 1, 2010”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Kemp, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, and Wachs. Nay: Council Members Kincaid and Werthmann.

### **EARLY RETIREMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to direct the Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee to study options for incentives for early retirements to reduce salary and longevity costs for eligible employees and report back to the City Council by March 1, 2010”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Balow, Duax, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer and Wachs.

### **RATIFYING MOTION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Kemp “ratifying and confirming the various motions amending the resolutions adopting the 2010 Program of Services and the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2010 Program of Services and the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 2010 BUDGETS**

The Council considered resolutions adopting the proposed budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 for the General Fund, the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public

Library, and the City - County Health Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Kemp “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budgets for the following agencies and utilities of the City of Eau Claire for fiscal year 2010:

- 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 Wach and seconded by Council Member Pavelski “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **TAX LEVIES AND RATES**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2009 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2010 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden 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 2009 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. 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.

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2009 special assessments. 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.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2010 - 2014 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kemp and seconded by Council Member Wachs “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 Pavelski and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS**

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2010 budgets for the following Business Improvement Districts within the City and authorization to levy special assessments:

- Downtown 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 Vue and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **FEES AND LICENSES**

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

### **SEWER RATE INCREASE**

The City Council considered an ordinance establishing the 2010 rate for the Sewer Utility. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Kemp “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Kemp, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Pavelski, Von Haden, Vue, Wachs, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Balow.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Adjournment: November 5, 2009

Time: 8:10 p.m.

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Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

ATTEST:

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Donna A. Austad, City Clerk