

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTION**

**Thursday, November 16, 2006**

**City Council Chamber**

**4:00 p.m.**

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

Council President Adler called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members David J. Adler, Toby Biegel, Brandon Buchanan, Hal Davis, David Duax, Raymond Hughes, Kerry Kincaid, Terry Sheridan, Bob Von Haden, and Thomas Vue. Absent: Council Member Middleton.

#### **BUDGET & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Council considered various motions amending the proposed 2007 Program of Services and the 2007 – 2011 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **HOBBS ICE CENTER**

A motion was offered by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Sheridan “to expand the scope of the \$20,000 Hobbs Ice Center feasibility study to include development of a plan creating a “not-for-profit” legal entity to own and operate the Hobbs Ice Center and associated assets. The plan will include provision for operating concepts, a governing board consisting of user groups, management agent and time line for transfer of assets and operations. The plan should be completed by January 1, 2008”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **PARKS CONSTRUCTION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to reallocate the \$100,000 proposed for construction of a parks maintenance building in Carson Park in 2007 to the construction of restrooms at Phoenix Park in 2007”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **SNOW REMOVAL AND STREET MAINTENANCE**

A motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Buchanan “to carryover up to \$100,000 from the 2006 snow removal budget to the 2007 street maintenance program contingent upon a positive variance of up to \$100,000 in both the 2006 snow removal budget, and the General Fund overall”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Duax “to revise the budget for the Economic Development Fund in the 2007 Recommended Program of Services by making the following changes as recommended by the Economic Policy Advisory Committee:

decrease Economic Development Corporation from \$93,100 to \$90,000

decrease Momentum Chippewa Valley from \$8,000 to \$5,000

increase Downtown Eau Claire Inc. from \$78,900 to \$85,000

Chippewa Valley Innovation Center to remain at \$12,100”.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to amend the motion and set the budgeted amounts as follows:

Economic Development Corporation \$93,100

Momentum Chippewa Valley \$5,000

Downtown Eau Claire Inc. from \$81,900

Chippewa Valley Innovation Center \$12,100”.

Said motion to amend failed on the following tie vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Hughes, Sheridan, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Biegel, Buchanan, Davis, Duax, and Kincaid. The Council then voted on the original motion. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Buchanan, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Sheridan, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Adler.

## **CHIP SEALING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to implement a chip seal special assessment of \$1 per lineal foot of frontage per property. The special assessment would be levied when the chip seal work is done and would be limited to one time per property every ten years.” A motion was offered by Council Member Duax “to modify the wording to read ‘support the implementation of a chip seal special assessment...’.” Said motion died for lack of a second. Council then voted on the original motion. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **BOW HUNTING**

A motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to add an additional line to the City Schedule of Fees and Licenses, indicating a \$10 fee per year be charged for each second or subsequent bow hunting permit issued for use at the same property location’. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **MUNICIPAL BAND AND CHIPPEWA VALLEY MUSEUM**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Buchanan “to reduce the 2007 Community Enhancement funding for the Municipal Band by \$6,000 and to increase the 2007 funding for the Chippewa Valley Museum by \$6,000”.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Buchanan ‘to amend said motion and reduce the 2007 Community Enhancement

funding for the Municipal Band by \$8,300 and to increase the 2007 funding for the Chippewa Valley Museum by \$6,000 and to increase the 2007 funding for the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp by \$2,300". Said motion to amend failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Buchanan and Sheridan. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Von Haden, and Vue. Council then voted on the original motion. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Buchanan and Duax. Nay: Council Members Biegel, Davis, Hughes, Kincaid, Sheridan, Von Haden and Vue.

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Vue "to increase Community Enhancement support for the Chippewa Valley Museum from \$53,800 to \$60,100 and the Municipal Band from \$8,300 to \$9,200 by reducing the Community Enhancement transfer to the Parks Capital Improvement Program by \$7,200". Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Hughes and seconded by Council Member Buchanan "to increase Community Enhancement support for the following organizations by the following amounts:

Chippewa Valley Museum	increase by	\$6,300
Municipal Band	increase by	900
Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild	increase by	100
Chippewa Valley Symphony	increase by	300
Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra	increase by	300
Eau Claire Regional Arts Council	increase by	9,100
Paul Bunyan Logging Camp	increase by	3,600
Eau Claire Children's Museum	increase by	200.

Funds for said increases would come from a reduction in the Community Enhancement transfer to the Parks Capital Improvement Program of \$20,800." Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Buchanan, Hughes, and Kincaid. Nay: Council Members Adler, Davis, Duax, Sheridan, Von Haden, and Vue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Von Haden "to increase the Community Enhancement support for the Chippewa Valley Museum by \$6,000, from \$53,800 to \$59,800; support for the Municipal Band would remain at \$8,300, thus reducing the Community Enhancement transfer to the Parks Capital Improvement Program by \$6,000". Said motion failed on the following tie vote: Aye: Council Members Davis, Duax, Sheridan, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Buchanan, Hughes, and Kincaid. Council then voted on the original motion to increase support for the Chippewa Valley Museum and the Municipal Band. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Kincaid and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Buchanan, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Sheridan and Von Haden.

A motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Duax "to increase Community Enhancement fund support for the Chippewa Valley Museum by \$6,000 by reducing the Community Enhancement transfer to the Parks Capital Improvement Program by \$6,000". Said motion failed by the following tie vote: Aye: Council Members Davis, Duax, Kincaid, Von Haden and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Buchanan, Hughes and Sheridan.

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Adler “to advance the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Birch and Galloway Streets from 2008 to 2007. Cost of the installation would be covered by reducing the 2007 street reconstruction funding in an amount up to \$100,000”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Biegel “to amend said motion so the \$100,000 would be taken from another street reconstruction project(s) within District 1.” Said motion died for lack of a second. The Council voted on the original motion. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Buchanan, Duax, and Von Haden. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Hughes, Kincaid, Sheridan and Vue.

Council Member Sheridan left the Council Chamber.

### **STAFF AUTHORIZATION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Buchanan “to ratify and confirm the various motions amending the resolutions adopting the 2007 Program of Services and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2007 Program of Services and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Sheridan returned to the Council Chamber.

### **2006 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

#### **GENERAL FUND, LIBRARY AND CITY -COUNTY HEALTH**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 for the City’s General Fund. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said resolutions”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said resolutions”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 for the City - County Health Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Hughes and seconded by Council Member Sheridan “to adopt said resolutions”. 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 2007:

- Economic Development
- Community Enhancement
- Downtown Fund
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Debt Service - General Fund
- Debt Service - TID #4  
(Gateway West Business Park)
- Debt Service - TID #6  
(Northeast Industrial 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 Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Davis “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **TAX LEVIES**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2006 tax levies and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Buchanan and seconded by Council Member Biegel “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **TAX RATES**

The Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2006 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Kincaid “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed unanimous vote.

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2006 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2007 - 2011 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Sheridan and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## OFFICIAL INTENT

The Council considered a resolution authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Buchanan “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2007 Budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire and authorization to levy special assessments for:

- Downtown Business Improvement District \$85,000
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District \$12,000
- Water Street Business Improvement District \$ 9,500
- N. Barstow/Medical Business Improvement District \$48,000

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

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2007 rate for the Storm Water Management Program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## FEES & LICENSES SCHEDULE

The Council considered a resolution approving the revised City Fees and Licenses Schedule. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Hughes and seconded by Council Member Sheridan “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## CLOSED SESSION

Council President Adler announced that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council may go into closed session to confer with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which the City is involved related to the Zimmerman lawsuit, which may be discussed under the provisions of s. 19.85 (1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Davis to “convene into closed session”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 p.m. the Council adjourned by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: November 16, 2006

Time: 7:02 p.m.

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David J. Adler, President

ATTEST:

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Donna A. Austad, City Clerk