

## **MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**

**City Council Chamber**

**5:00 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, Hal Davis, David Duax, Raymond Hughes, Kerry Kincaid, Berlye S. Middleton, Dallas Neville, Terri Stanley, Bob Von Haden, and Thomas Vue.

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

The Council considered various motions amending the proposed 2006 Program of Services and the 2006 – 2010 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **MUNICIPAL BAND**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to fund the musicians, director and librarian of the Municipal Band at \$9,200 for 2006 by reducing the Community Enhancement Fund transfer to the Hobbs Capital Improvement Program”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Davis, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Stanley, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Duax and Hughes.

#### **CHIPPEWA VALLEY MUSEUM**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Biegel “to fund a one-time appropriation of \$5,000 to the Chippewa Valley Museum. This funding would come from a one-time reduction of the Community Enhancement transfer to the Parks Capital Improvement fund, which will be reinstated in the 2007 budget”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Davis “to increase the amount of the one-time appropriation from \$5,000 to \$6,000”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Davis, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Duax, Hughes and Stanley. The Council then voted on the motion was amended. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Duax, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Davis, Hughes, Kincaid and Stanley.

#### **COALITION FOR YOUTH**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid “to amend the City’s Position Control Document to change the Coalition for Youth Program Director position from .4 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to 1 FTE, to be funded by CDBG funds, grants, and donations”. Thereupon a

motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Vue “to substitute motion #1-7 for Kincaid’s motion (#1-6)”. Said motion to substitute passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Kincaid, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Hughes, Middleton and Stanley. The Council then voted on the substitute motion “to approve ‘gap’ financing of \$26,900 that will allow the continuation of the Coalition for Youth Program Director position at full-time status until August 2006, when the 2006 CDBG appropriation becomes effective”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

### **HOBBS ICE CENTER**

A motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Neville “to add back the skilled worker position at Hobbs. This position would be funded by a reduction in two Parks and Recreation seasonal positions and any remaining balance to come from General Fund balance”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Council Members Biegel, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Stanley, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Adler, Davis, Duax, and Hughes.

### **LIBRARY**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Neville “to preserve the Reference Librarian position at the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library by reducing the Library’s transfer to the Capital Improvement Program by \$69,200 for 2006”. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Kincaid and Stanley. Nay: Council Members Adler, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue.

### **PHOENIX PARK**

A motion was offered by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Kincaid “to reduce the expenditure for policing Phoenix Park by \$6,500”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Duax “to amend the motion to read “\$6,500 shall be designated for additional CSO time in city parks. The specific locations shall be determined by the Police Chief”. Said amended motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **FIRE STATION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Duax “to provide \$100,000 in funding from bond proceeds to fund the feasibility and design of a new fire station to be located on city-owned property on Mercury Avenue to replace existing fire stations on Starr Avenue and Birch Street”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Stanley, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Neville.

## **SOUTH BARSTOW STREET**

A motion was offered by Council Member Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to amend the 2006-2010 proposed Capital Improvement Program by reallocating \$100,000 from the \$3,250,000 budgeted for city-wide streets in 2008 to fund a preliminary engineering and design development study in 2008 for reconstruction of North and South Barstow Streets, from Madison Street to Lake Street”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE INC**

A motion was offered by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to reduce Economic Development funding for DECI by \$10,000 and to encourage DECI to seek memberships”. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Neville and Stanley. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Von Haden, and Vue.

## **DUES**

A motion was offered by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Duax “to limit City Attorney membership fees to state and local bar dues”. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Duax and Stanley. Nay: Council Members Adler, Davis, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue.

## **LONGEVITY PAY**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Middleton “to commit the City Council to undertake a discussion of the longevity pay system in 2006 when the City Council develops bargaining parameters for all employee groups”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Stanley “to table consideration of said motion”. Said motion to table failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Biegel, Davis, Neville and Stanley. Nay: Council Members Adler, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Von Haden, and Vue. The Council then voted on the original motion. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Davis and Duax. Nay: Council Members Biegel, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Stanley, Von Haden, and Vue.

## **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Middleton “to commit the City Council in 2006 to a review of mileage and car allowance policy regarding reimbursements and payments made to City employees who use their personal vehicles on city business”. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Davis, Duax and Stanley. Nay: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue.

## **MOMENTUM CHIPPEWA VALLEY**

A motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Duax “to eliminate the 2006 funding for Momentum Chippewa Valley in the amount of \$17,500”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WEST GRAND AVENUE BID**

A motion was offered by Council Member Neville and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to increase the 2005 special assessment levy by \$1,000 and increase the expenditures by \$1,000 for the West Grand Avenue BID to reflect the budget that was submitted by the BID on September 28, 2005 for the 2006 budget”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **LIBRARY FUNDING**

A motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to amend the 2006 Recommended Program of Services by decreasing the General Fund Tax Levy by \$6,000 to offset the 15% increase in the County’s special charge for the Library”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **STAFF AUTHORIZATION**

A motion was offered by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Duax “to ratify and confirm the various motions amending the resolutions adopting the 2006 Program of Services and the 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2006 Program of Services and the 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **2006 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

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

The City Council considered resolutions adopting the proposed budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 for:

- the City’s General Fund
- the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
- the City - County Health Department.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Davis “to adopt said resolutions”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Duax and Stanley.

## **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 2006:

- 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 Hughes and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Members Duax and Stanley.

## **TAX LEVIES**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2005 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 Kincaid and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

## **TAX RATES**

The Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2005 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Middleton and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2005 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Biegel and seconded by Council Member Stanley “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2006 - 2010 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Neville and seconded by Council Member Vue “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

## **2007 ADJUSTMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the 2007 Two-Year Budget Plan Adjustments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Davis “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

## **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 Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Kincaid “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS**

The Council considered a resolution approving the 2006 Budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire 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 Middleton and seconded by Council Member Hughes “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2006 rate for the Storm Water Management Program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Biegel “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WATER UTILITY RATE INCREASE**

The 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 Davis and seconded by Council Member Neville "to adopt said resolution". Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Council Member Vue and seconded by Council Member Von Haden "that this meeting does now adjourn." Said motion passed by the following vote:  
Aye: Council Members Adler, Biegel, Davis, Duax, Hughes, Kincaid, Middleton, Neville, Von Haden, and Vue. Nay: Council Member Stanley.

Adjournment: November 15, 2005

Time: 10:10 p.m.

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David J. Adler, President

ATTEST:

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Donna A. Austad, City Clerk