

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

Eau Claire County Board Room

4:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Laura Benjamin, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherin Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Judge Emily Long administered the Oath of Office to Council President Weld and Council Members Beaton, Benjamin, Emmanuelle, Klinkhammer and Lor.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Weld called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Werthmann nominated Council Member Emmanuelle. Council Member Lor nominated Council Member Klinkhammer. No other nominations being heard, Council President Weld declared nominations closed and paper ballots were distributed to Council Members. Ballots were collected and tallied by the City Clerk and City Attorney Nick.

Council Member Emmanuelle received 8 votes.

Council Member Klinkhammer received 3 votes.

Council Member Emmanuelle was elected Vice President.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members had previously submitted their committee preferences and a chart had been prepared. Council President Weld said in cases where more Council Members had expressed interest in a particular committee than there are positions available, the Council would vote on the membership.

There were three positions on the Advisory Committee on Appointments. According to City Code, the Council President serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Christopherson, Lor and Werthmann had all expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Anderson and Christopherson withdrew their names from consideration. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Beaton received 9 votes.

Council Member Lor received 3 votes.

Council Member Werthmann received 9 votes.

Council Members Beaton and Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board. Council Members Benjamin and Christopherson had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Benjamin received 5 votes.

Council Member Christopherson received 6 votes.

Council Member Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the City / County Board of Health. Council Member Berge had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton that Council Member Berge would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was one position on the Housing Authority Board. Council Members Christopherson and Lor had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Christopherson received 1 vote.

Council Member Lor received 9 votes.

Council Member Lor will serve on the Committee.

There were three positions on the Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives. The Council President serves on the Committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Anderson and Werthmann had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. A motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Lor that Council Members Anderson and Werthmann would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was one position on the Landmarks Commission. No one expressed interest in serving. The Landmarks Commission appointment was tabled to the end of the appointments.

There was one position on the Library Board. Council Members Anderson, Christopherson and Lor had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Christopherson withdrew her name from consideration. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Anderson received 8 votes.

Council Member Lor received 3 votes.

Council Member Anderson will serve on the Committee.

There were two positions on the Plan Commission. According to City Ordinance, Council Members appointed to the Plan Commission are to be elected by a two-thirds vote, meaning eight affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Members Berge, Gragert and Klinkhammer had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Berge withdrew her name from consideration. Council Members Christopherson and Lor added their names for consideration. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Gragert received 9 votes.

Council Member Klinkhammer received 2 votes.

Council Member Christopherson received 9 votes.

Council Member Lor received 2 votes.

Council Members Gragert and Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There were two positions on the Putnam Parks Commission. Council Members Anderson, Gragert and Werthmann had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Anderson received 9 votes.

Council Member Gragert received 5 votes.

Council Member Werthmann received 8 votes.

Council Members Anderson and Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Members appointed to the Redevelopment Authority are to be elected by a four-fifths vote, meaning nine affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Members Benjamin, Christopherson, Emmanuelle and Klinkhammer had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Benjamin and Christopherson withdrew their names from consideration. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Emmanuelle received 9 votes.

Council Member Klinkhammer received 2 votes.

Council Member Emmanuelle will serve on the Committee.

There was one position on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Council Member Benjamin had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton that Council Member Benjamin would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was one position on the Transit Commission. Council Member Gragert had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. A motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Lor that Council Member Gragert would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was one position on the Utility Appeals Board. No Council Members had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Beaton added her name for consideration. A motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Werthmann that Council Member Beaton would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Board. Council Members Benjamin and Berge had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. A motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Christopherson that Council Members Benjamin and Berge would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Tourism and Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee. Council Member Anderson had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Lor added his name for consideration. Council Member Werthmann nominated Council Member Klinkhammer for consideration – Council Member Klinkhammer declined the nomination. A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer that Council Members Anderson and Lor would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Members Beaton, Christopherson and Werthmann had expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Christopherson and Werthmann withdrew their names for consideration. Council Member Werthmann nominated Council Member Lor for consideration – Council Member Lor accepted the nomination. A motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann that Council Members Beaton and Lor would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The tabled appointment on the Landmarks Commission was taken up for consideration. Council Member Klinkhammer added his name for consideration. A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Werthmann that Council Member Klinkhammer would serve on the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

The Council drew for their Chamber seating arrangement.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "that this meeting does now adjourn". Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: April 16, 2019

Time: 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry Weld, President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl, City Clerk

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council Vice President	Council Member Emmanuelle
Advisory Committee on Appointments	Council Members Weld, Beaton and Werthmann
Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board	Council Member Christopherson
City / County Board of Health	Council Member Berge
Housing Authority Board	Council Member Lor
Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives	Council Members Weld, Anderson and Werthmann
Landmarks Commission	Council Member Klinkhammer
Library Board	Council Member Anderson
Plan Commission	Council Members Christopherson and Gragert
Putnam Parks Commission	Council Members Anderson and Werthmann
Redevelopment Authority Board	Council Member Emmanuelle
Revolving Loan Fund Committee	Council Member Benjamin
Transit Commission	Council Member Gragert
Utility Appeals Board	Council Member Beaton
Visit Eau Claire Board	Council Members Benjamin and Berge
Visit Eau Claire Tourism & Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee	Council Members Anderson and Lor
Waterways and Parks Commission	Council Members Beaton and Lor