

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Eau Claire County Board Room

4:00 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, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann.

Council Members absent: Jill Christopherson .

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, June 25, 2019:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2019-2021 licensing period.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicated Liquor (cider only) license of Just Local Foods, Coop, d/b/a Just Local Foods, 1117 S. Farwell Street, from Mark Wirz to Scott Zellmer.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. James The Greater Catholic Church, Father Thomas Krieg, on August 10-11, 2019, at 2502 11th Street, for St. James Summer Fest.
- Granting a Class B Cabaret license to 200 Main Art & Wine LLC, d/b/a 200 Main Art & Wine, 200 Main Street, Jo Ellen Burke, agent.
- Granting the renewal of the following licenses for the 2019-2020 licensing period:
 - Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A liquor (Cider Only) license.
 - Class C Wine licenses.
 - Class A Cabaret licenses.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire to apply for grant funding from the Eau Claire Community Foundation's Women's Giving Circle Fund for the purpose of acquiring active aging amenities at McDonough Park.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire to apply for grant funding from the Otto Bremer Trust for the purpose of acquiring active aging amenities at McDonough Park.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2019-04 Water Treatment Plant Phase II Improvements.

- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2019-27 City-Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2019-29 City-Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to transfer property formerly known as Little Red School to the Eau Claire Area School District.
- Authorizing a public hearing regarding the City's intention to order the repair of sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 29 locations beginning with 521 2nd Avenue, Parcel No. 05-0147.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS & COMMENDATIONS

President Weld presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Eau Claire North High School Baseball Team commending and congratulating them on winning the WIAA Division 1 State Baseball Championship, thereby bring honor and recognition to our entire community.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming the month of July as Parks & Recreation Month and encouraging the citizens of this community to join together in recognizing that parks and recreation services are essential to the quality of life, not only in July, but all through the year.

EAU CLAIRE MARATHON

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon, LLC to conduct the Eau Claire Marathon on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, 2020 beginning in Phoenix Park and along City streets, sidewalks, and trails. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Werthmann left Council Chambers.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Events, Andrew Ottum, President, on May 3, 2020, at Phoenix Park for the Eau Claire Marathon. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Absent: Council Member Werthmann.

LICENSE

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to Ted & Diane Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Best Western of Eau Claire South, 3614 Gateway Drive, Guy Rossato, agent.

Council Member Werthmann returned to Council Chambers.

Deputy City Attorney Doug Hoffer made a presentation on the process and findings of the License Review Committee. Council heard a presentation from the applicant on the business and proposed use of the license.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.”

Discussion was held with regard to the limited number of Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage licenses available, and the limited economic impact of the applicant’s proposed use of the license compared to other expected development projects and license applicants.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Klinkhammer and Lor. Nay: Council Members Beaton, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Weld and Werthmann.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing acceptance of an amendment to a grant agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Department of Natural Resources for the downtown Riverwalk Trail, and approval of associated budget adjustments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

INITIAL RESOLUTIONS – 2019 BOND SALES

The City Council considered five initial resolutions authorizing 2019 Series A of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin not to exceed \$10,375,000 aggregate principal amount:

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$945,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of water systems improvements.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,375,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of storm water sewer improvements.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$4,685,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of streets and street improvements (including lighting, signage, curbs, and gutters) and street lighting.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,325,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parks and public grounds, including a City-Wide Trail Program (including lighting and signage).” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$2,045,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of the Library” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$13,880,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of improvements to public lands and buildings, including City Hall and City libraries in the City, bus transportation, and streets and street improvements (including lighting, signage, curbs and gutters) and street lighting in the City, and for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal obligations of the City and the interest thereon. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered three initial resolutions authorizing 2019 Series C of Taxable General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin not to exceed \$4,065,000 aggregate principal amount:

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$735,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parking facilities.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,790,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parks and public grounds, including Hobbs Municipal Ice Arena improvements.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,540,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of Cannery District Development.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON APPOINTMENTS WORK PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Advisory Committee on Appointments 2019 Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SITE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district for the construction of a pavilion/restroom building and amenities located in Owen Park, 501 1st Avenue (File PZ-1904). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to amend” the site plan for the construction of a pavilion/restroom building and amenities located in Owen Park by changing the name of the “Family Restroom” to “All Gender Restroom and Changing Station” with corresponding signage placed on the restroom door or adjacent building. Said motion to amend passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend” the site plan for the construction of a pavilion/restroom building and amenities located in Owen Park such that the Men’s and All Gender Restrooms are located on the North side of the building and the Women’s Restroom is located on the South side of the building. Said motion to amend passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Benjamin, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld and Werthmann.
Nay: Council Member Klinkhammer.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution with amended site plan.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at 2517 Truax Boulevard from I-1P to C-3P and to adopt the general development plan for retail sales. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Benjamin “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: June 25, 2019

Time: 5:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk