

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

City Council Chamber

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, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, September 24, 2019:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Festival Foods to conduct the Festival Foods Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2019, at Hobbs Ice Arena and along City streets, trails and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish, Rev. Brian Jazdzewski, Pastor, on Sunday, November 3, 2019, at 322 Fulton Street, for the Parish Fall Bazaar.
- Granting the renewal of the six-month Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Curling, Inc., d/b/a Eau Claire Curling Club, 5530 Fairview Drive, John Bast IV, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc., Pao Xiong, President, on November 9 & 10, 2019, at 3456 Craig Road, YMCA Indoor Sports Center, for the Eau Claire Hmong Annual New Year.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Angie Weideman, President, at The Community Table, 320 Putnam Street, Unit 2, for a United Way Emerging Leaders Friendraiser: Up Your Cooking Game event on October 17, 2019.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. Olaf Parish, Father James R. Kurzynski, Pastor, at 3220 Monroe Street, for the St. Olaf Men's Club Fish Fry events for the dates of October 4, November 8 and December 6, 2019.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, d/b/a Wal-Mart #1669, 3915 Gateway Drive, from William J. Clark to Joshua S. Falls be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Eau Claire Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., d/b/a Visit Eau Claire, 128 Graham Avenue, Suite 151, from Carole L. Fleetwood to Dianne L. Hughes be approved.

- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Fire N Ice, LLC, d/b/a The Fire House, 202 Gibson Street, to include a fenced in area for a Zombie Pub Crawl event on October 12, 2019.
- Authorizing an agreement with Chippewa County for the purpose of tax collection services.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2019-50, Construction of Owen Park Pavilion/Restroom.

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

PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION

President Weld read a proclamation designating the month of October 2019 as Community Planning Month in the City of Eau Claire in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month and the hosting of the 2019 Upper Midwest Planning Conference.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2019 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encouraging the citizens of our community to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.

President Weld presented a Recognition of the Carson Park at Grand Avenue Causeway Project being awarded a Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association, and expressed respect and appreciation to City of Eau Claire Engineering Staff, Ayres Associates, Kraemer North America and the People of Eau Claire for their creative vision, collaboration and commitment to creating a safe and functional infrastructure that helps make the City of Eau Claire livable and lovable.

President Weld presented a Recognition of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library being awarded a 2019 Library of the Year Award by the Wisconsin Library Association, and expressed respect and appreciation to the leadership, staff and volunteers of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library for their dedication to excellence and commitment to diverse populations.

SPECIAL EVENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing BeeHive Homes, Care Partners and Milestone to conduct the Fall Block Party on Thursday, September 26, 2019, on City streets. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving an agreement with the Town of Wheaton for the City of Eau Claire Fire Department to provide Emergency Ambulance Transport Services to Town of Wheaton residents. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an offer to purchase for the sale of Lot 17 in Sky Park to Capozzi Properties, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Energy Future Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to postpone” to the November 12, 2019 Council meeting to allow for the Sustainability Advisory Committee to review the agreement and a Study Issue to be held at the second Council meeting in October. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Gragert and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Benjamin, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone” to the October 8, 2019 Council meeting. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Benjamin, Christopherson, Klinkhammer and Weld.

STREET VACATION

The City Council considered a resolution vacating a portion of Newton Street, from Wilcox Street to the Chippewa River. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend the resolution” by adding the following: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any abutting owner grant and the City accept a deed transferring title back of certain riparian property and a construction and public access easement as more fully described and subject to the terms and conditions as stated in any recordable instrument, which the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Eau Claire.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Benjamin, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld.

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

The City Council considered a resolution releasing the utility easements within Newton Street, from Wilcox Street to the Chippewa River. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to postpone” to the October 8, 2019 Council meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STANDING AGAINST RACISM

The City Council considered a resolution standing against racism, and supporting a community member and UW-Eau Claire student who faced a racist and hateful attack. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to postpone” to the October 21 & 22, 2019 Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at 2327 Melanie Lane from R-1A to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for two proposed duplexes and one existing single-family home (File Z-1650-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located on the north side of Seymour Road from TR-1A to R-1 (File Z-1651-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Benjamin and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 10.38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Alternate Side Parking.”

PARKING DURING SPECIFIED HOURS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Table IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking During Specified Hours.”

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located on the east side of Jeffers Road, north of Jeffers Ridge and south of Daisy Lane from R-1A to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for twin home development (File Z-1649-19).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located at 3141 N. Hastings Way and 3130 Fern Court from R-1 to R-2 (File Z-1652-19).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located west of Kane Road, south of Hwy 312/12 from R-2P to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for multi-family development for apartment buildings (File Z-1653-19).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: September 24, 2019

Time: 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk