

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 10, 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, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann.

Council Members absent: Catherine Emmanuelle.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, December 10, 2019:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to conduct the Shamrock Shuffle on Saturday, March 14, 2020, along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a new Secondhand Article Dealer license for the 2020 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2020 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses for the 2020 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Pawnbroker licenses for the 2020 licensing year.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2020 85.20 Transportation Operating Assistance Grant and the 2020 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Assistance – Paratransit Supplemental Aid with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2020 5307 Federal Mass Urban Transit Operating Assistance and the 5339 Capital Assistance Grants with the Federal Transit Administration.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Engineering Department to apply for the Bloomberg Philanthropies Art Grant monies for electrical transformer screening art within Haymarket Plaza.
- Approving the renewal of the Municipal Animal Control Agreement with the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. for 2020-2021.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2019-60, Financial Auditing Services.
- Appointing persons to serve as election officials for the 2020-2021 election cycle.

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.

## **GRANTS**

Council Member Emmanuelle entered the Council Chamber.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Development Department to apply and accept grant monies from the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant Program to purchase electric riding lawn mowers. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating a Recreational Trail Grant from the Department of Natural Resources to be used for trail system maintenance. 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.

## **AGREEMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Figure Skating Club for a five-year period. 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.

## **EASEMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution granting a utility easement to Mi-Tech Services, Inc., on behalf of Wisconsin Bell, Inc., on City-owned property located along the west side of Western Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

The City Council considered a resolution extending the current health insurance plan with Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire for one year. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **VOTING WARD**

The City Council considered a resolution creating a new voting ward within the City of Eau Claire. 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.

## **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 Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **WOODLAND HILLS ESTATES**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Woodland Hills Estates (File P-8-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CHIPPEWA COUNTY BUSINESS PARK**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Council of Eau Claire to enter into a partnership with Chippewa County for the development of a potential business park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the process to fill a vacancy on the City Council.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council President Weld and seconded by Council Member Berge “to divide” the resolution into two parts, with one resolution considering the appointment and one resolution considering the process/timeline. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt a resolution” indicating a desire to appoint someone to fill the vacant At-Large Council position until the April 7, 2020 election. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Emmanuelle, Gragert and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to indefinitely postpone” the resolution adopting a process and timeline for filling the vacant At-Large Council position.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DESIGN MANUAL**

Council Members Beaton and Werthmann left the Council Chamber.

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 18.45 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Site Plans” and the zoning code provisions for the Multi-Family Housing Design Manual (File Z-1660-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote. Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Absent: Council Members Beaton and Werthmann.

## **ZONING**

Council Member Werthmann returned to the Council Chamber.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located on the north side of Seymour Road, east of Andover Avenue from TR-1A and R-1 to R-1P and to approve the general development plan with a reduced front yard setback (Z-1659-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote. Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Absent: Council Member Beaton.

Council Member Beaton returned to the Council Chamber.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at the west end of Lorch Avenue, south of Interstate 94 from TR-1A to C-3P and R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for commercial development and multi-family development for apartment buildings (File Z-1654-19). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Christopherson, Gragert, Klinkhammer and Weld. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Emmanuelle, Lor and Werthmann.

## **ANNEXATION**

The Council considered an ordinance in accordance with Section 66.0217 Wisconsin Statutes, annexing to the City of Eau Claire and particularly to the 14th Assessment Ward, 4th Aldermanic District, being a part of the Southwest of the Southeast of Section 2-27-10 West and Northwest of the Northeast of Section 11-27-10 West, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 19-5A (Menard Inc Petition). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS**

The Council considered a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **LEAD SERVICE LINE**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating section 14.04.110 entitled “Lead Service Line Replacement” and amending section 1.24.030 entitled “Deposit Schedule” of the City of Eau Claire Code of Ordinances.

## **PARKING**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking Meters and Lots” as it relates to the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library parking lot.

## **ELECTRICAL CODE**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 16.24 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled “Electrical Code.”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: December 10, 2019

Time: 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld  
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl  
City Clerk