

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Kincaid called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members David Duax, Catherine Emmanuelle, Kerry Kincaid, David Klinkhammer, Eric Larsen, Monica Lewis, Kathy Mitchell, David Strobel, Bob Von Haden, Andrew Werthmann, and Michael Xiong.

2014 BUDGET- COUNCIL MOTIONS

The City Council considered various motions to amend the 2014 Program of Services and 2014 – 2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

A motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Lewis “to amend the 2014 Program of Services to appropriate \$2,900 from the Community Enhancement Fund to the Chippewa Valley Museum to assist with museum's main gallery renovations”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion was offered by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to amend the 2014 Program of Services to appropriate \$2,900 from the Community Enhancement Fund to the Paul Bunyan Camp”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Duax and seconded by Council Member Mitchell “to amend said motion by deleting the words ‘Paul Bunyan Camp’ and inserting the words ‘Chippewa Valley Museum’.” Said motion to amend passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Mitchell, Von Haden, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Larsen, Lewis, Strobel and Xiong. The Council then voted on the amended motion. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Larsen, Mitchell, Strobel, Von Haden, Werthmann, and Xiong. Nay: Council Member Lewis.

SNOW PLOWING

A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Mitchell “to carryover \$100,000 from the 2013 General Fund year-end positive variances for the 2014 snow and ice control budget, to the extent the variance is available”. The Council discussed the proposal. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to amend said motion by deleting the words ‘General Fund’ and inserting the words ‘Snow and Ice Control Program’.” Said motion to amend passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Larsen, Lewis, Mitchell, Werthmann, and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Duax, Strobel and Von Haden. The Council then voted on the original motion, as amended. Said motion failed on the following vote: Aye: Council Members Emmanuelle, Larsen, Mitchell, Werthmann, and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Duax, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Lewis, Strobel, and Von Haden.

TRANSIT TRANSFER CENTER

A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to direct staff to schedule and fund the design and location phase of a new Transit Transfer Center in 2015, contingent on the findings of the 2014 Transit Development Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Council Member Lewis had proposed a motion “to amend the 2014 Program of Services and the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan to appropriate \$125,000 for the 2014 design of a new Transit Transfer Center. The appropriation is to be funded by a transfer from the General Fund, using General Fund fund balance”. Council Member Lewis withdrew her motion.

CITY / COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Duax “to amend the 2014 Program of Services by increasing the City-County Health Department budget by \$48,600 and decreasing the General Fund budget in an amount not to exceed \$29,900 for changes related to the county's level of support.

<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Decrease	General Fund Levy	\$29,900
Decrease	General Fund Implementation Reserve	29,900
Increase	City Health Department Levy	29,900
Increase	County Support for Operations	18,700
Increase	Wages and Benefits	48,600

The adjustments will be prorated depending upon the county's final level of support”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WEST BANK REDEVELOPMENT AREA

A motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “to allocate \$200,000 from the Infill Incentive Loan Program to the Redevelopment Authority to expedite the acquisition of properties in the West Bank Redevelopment Area. The RDA should provide progress reports on the acquisitions to the Economic Policy Advisory Committee in 2014”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RATIFYING MOTION

A motion was offered by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “ratifying and confirming various motions amending the resolutions adopting the 2014 Program of Services and the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan, approving the related changes in estimated revenues and appropriations, and authorizing the city staff to incorporate the changes in the 2014 Program of Services and the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Von Haden left the Council Chamber.

2014 BUDGET - RESOLUTIONS GENERAL FUND

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 for the General Fund. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LIBRARY

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY / COUNTY HEALTH

The Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 for the City - County Health Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Von Haden returned to the Council Chamber.

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 2014:

- Economic Development
- Downtown Fund
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Water Utility
- Storm Water Management
- Hobbs Ice Center
- Risk Management
- Public Transit
- Debt Service - TID #6
(Northeast Industrial Area)
- Debt Service - General Fund
- Community Enhancement
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Landfill Remediation
- Sewer Utility
- Parking Utility
- Outdoor Pool
- Central Equipment
- Redevelopment Authority
- Debt Service - TID #7
(Soo Line Development Area)

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Larsen “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAX LEVIES AND RATES

The Council considered a resolution establishing the 2013 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2014 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Lewis “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property on the 2013 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2013 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2014 - 2018 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Larsen, Mitchell, Strobel, Von Haden, Werthmann, and Xiong. Nay: Council Member Lewis.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OFFICIAL INTENT

The Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Larsen “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed the following vote: Aye: Council Members Duax, Emmanuelle, Kincaid, Klinkhammer, Larsen, Mitchell, Strobel, Von Haden, Werthmann, and Xiong. Nay: Council Member Lewis.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2014 Budgets for the four Business Improvement Districts:

- South Barstow Business Improvement District
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District
- Water Street Business Improvement District
- N. Barstow / Medical Business Improvement District

and authorization to levy special assessments.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Lewis “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FEES AND LICENSES

The Council considered a resolution amending the City Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2014. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Von Haden and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt said resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

2014 BUDGET – ORDINANCES SEWER RATE INCREASE

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Sewerage Service Charge" to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2014 Program of Services. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAY PLAN

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City Pay Plan, specifically that part thereof pertaining to Division Heads and that part thereof pertaining to the following employee categories: Clerical, Technical, Supervisory, Fire Command, Police Command, Confidential, Division Heads, Managerial and Federally-Funded employees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Duax “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed unanimous vote.

BENEFITS AND LEAVES PLAN

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan, specifically those parts thereof pertaining to retirement benefits, employee health insurance, bereavement leave, and the payment in lieu of health insurance program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Larsen “to adopt said ordinance”. Said motion passed unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Von Haden “that this meeting does now adjourn.” Said motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: November 7, 2013

Time: 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kerry J. S. Kincaid, President

Donna A. Austad, City Clerk