

## **MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**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 in-person: Jill Christopherson, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

#### **UPDATE**

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg during a City Declaration of Emergency regarding COVID-19.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, November 10, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class A Intoxicated Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Jacobson's Market, LLC, d/b/a Jacobson's Market, 311 E. Clairemont Avenue, Joel Jacobson, agent.
- Granting a Refuse Hauler license to GFL Solid Waste Midwest LLC, d/b/a GFL Environmental, 11888 & 11863 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Chippewa Falls.

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

#### **PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2020 as Veterans Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging all people to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

President Weld recognized retired City Manager Dale Peters for his respectful, strong servant leadership, high ethical standards, steady hand on the managerial helm, selfless commitment to collaboration, and dedication to the Eau Claire community from 1989 to 2020.

## **AGREEMENT**

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

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

## **ZONING**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Title 18 entitled Zoning Code of the City of Eau Claire related to commercial districts. (File Z-1680-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Lor, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Gragert and Klinkhammer.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 4223 Jeffers Road from R-1A to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for apartment buildings with 32-36 units (Z-1677-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ANNEXATION**

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located on the northwest corner of County Road T and County Line Road, Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-3A (City of Eau Claire Petition #14336). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson 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 Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **PARKING**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table XII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking, Stopping and Standing Prohibited” and Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” relating to parking enforcement for Electric Vehicles and parking enforcement of unregistered vehicles. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ZONING**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at the southwest corner of Old Town Hall Road and Graff Road from R-3P to R-2P and to amend the general development plan, for duplexes, twin homes and a multi-family residential, and to allow for a reduced front yard setback for duplexes and twin homes (Z-1673-20 Amd).

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## **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTION**

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### **2021 BUDGET ADOPTION**

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed General Fund budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the proposed City-County Health Department budget and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 2021:

- a. Economic Development
- b. Community Enhancement
- c. Downtown Fund
- d. Cemetery Maintenance
- e. Hazardous Materials Response
- f. Landfill Remediation
- g. K-9 Fund

- h. Debt Service - General Fund
- i. TID #7 (Soo Line Development Area)
- j. TID #8 (Downtown Development Area)
- k. TID #9 (Gateway Northwest Business Park Overlay)
- l. TID #10 (Confluence Project)
- m. TID #11 (Downtown)
- n. TID # 12 (Water Street)
- o. TID #13 (Cannery)
- p. Water Utility
- q. Sewer Utility
- r. Storm Water Utility
- s. Parking Fund
- t. Public Transit
- u. Hobbs Municipal Ice Center
- v. Fairfax Municipal Pool
- w. Risk Management
- x. Central Equipment
- y. Redevelopment Authority

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

#### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of 2020 special assessments. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating the 2021 capital projects identified in the 2021 - 2025 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OFFICIAL INTENT**

The City 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 Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGETS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2021 budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire and authorization to levy special assessments:

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

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

## WATER UTILITY RATE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES & LICENSES

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to amend” the 2021 City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2021, to decrease the fares charged to people with qualifying income, as follows:

Line	License/Fee	Proposed	Amended
T-118	Single Trip Tickets - book of 13 - Passengers with Disabilities, and/or Age 65 and Above, <u>and/or Income Qualifying</u>	\$10.00	\$10.00
T-122	Income Qualifying Cash Fare	\$1.50	\$.85
T-123	Income Qualifying Monthly Pass	\$45.00	\$25.00

Said motion to amend passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to amend” the 2021 City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2021, to decrease the City portion of the fee charged for Keeping of Poultry, as follows:

Line	License/Fee	Proposed	Amended
6.012	Keeping of Poultry Program Fees	\$40 City \$50 Health	\$10 City \$50 Health

Said motion to amend passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Christopherson, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend” the 2021 City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2021, to decrease the City portion of the fee charged for Honey Bees, as follows:

Line	License/Fee	Proposed	Amended
6.011	Keeping of Honey Bees Program Fees	\$40 City \$35 Health	\$10 City \$35 Health

Said motion to amend passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Christopherson, Lor and Weld.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended Schedule of Fees and Licenses. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGE**

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Sewerage Service Charge” to increase the sewer user charges as proposed in the 2021 Operating Budget. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **PAY PLAN & PRACTICES**

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Pay Plan & Practices. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: November 10, 2020

Time: 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld  
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl  
City Clerk