

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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: Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Catherine Emmanuelle, Roderick Jones, David Klinkhammer, John Lor and Andrew Werthmann.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Berge requested that agenda item #5 regarding authorizing North High School to conduct the North High School Homecoming Parade be considered separately. No objection was voiced and agenda item #5 was separated.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution” for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, September 28, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association to conduct the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming Parade and Celebration on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Carson Park and along City streets and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, Christina Thrun, President, on October 16, 2021, at Carson Park, within the fenced area surrounding Pine Pavilion, for UW-EC Homecoming.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. Olaf Parish, Rev. James R. Kurzynski, Pastor, at 3220 Monroe Street, for the St. Olaf Men’s Club Fish Fry events for the dates of October 1, November 5, and December 3, 2021.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for a Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL EVENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing North High School to conduct the North High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 8, 2021 along City streets and in Carson Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to amend the resolution” by changing the event date to October 1, 2021. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as “Manufacturing Month” in the Chippewa Valley, and urging residents and visitors of Eau Claire to take a moment to recognize the highly skilled manufacturing work force and importance of manufacturing and the role it plays in creating the conveniences, entertainment, and products that enrich our daily lives.

PROPERTY TRANSACTION

The City Council considered a resolution declaring 11 feet of 0 Chestnut Street (Parcel 06-0243-A) excess land and authorizing the sale to the Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for sidewalk replacement. 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.

STREET VACATION

The City Council considered a resolution vacating a portion of the east side of Fifth Avenue, between Fulton Street and Chestnut Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution approving settlement of claimed excessive property tax assessment by Skogen’s Foodliner, Inc., in the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor 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 to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. 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.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2021 Affordable Housing Fund Scoring Criteria. 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.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 1828 S. Hastings Way from C-3 to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for apartments (Z-1699-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to amend the staff report” to include that the final site plan be reviewed by Plan Commission. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Christopherson, Jones, Klinkhammer and Weld.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the ordinance” with amended staff report. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 2018 & 2040 Preston Road and vacant land between Preston Road and Deblene Lane from R-1 & TR-1A to R-2 (Z-1701-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “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 at 2305 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-8A (Schwartz Annexation). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone” to the October 12, 2021 Council meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located North of Folsom Court, west of I-94 from R-1A to R-1P and R-2P and to adopt the general development plan with a reduced front yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet for single-family and twin home development (Z-1700-21).

PARKING & TRAFFIC

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

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Table III entitled “Stop Intersections” and Table V entitled “Yield Intersections” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Table VIII entitled “Parking Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: September 28, 2021

Time: 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk