

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Berge called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members Anderson, Felton, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Werthmann.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Judge Harless administered the Oath of Office to City Council President Berge

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Berge called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Emily Anderson expressed interest in the position and was elected Vice President by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members had previously submitted their committee preferences and a chart had been prepared. Council President Berge said in cases where more Council Members had expressed interest in a particular committee than there are positions available, the Council would vote on the membership.

There were three positions on the Advisory Committee on Appointments. According to City Code, the Council President is serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Werthmann and Miller had all expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent Werthmann and Miller will serve on the Committee.

There were two positions on the Board of Review and one alternate. Council Members Christopherson and Jones expressed interest in serving on the Board. Council Member Mboga expressed interest in serving as the alternate. By unanimous consent Council Members Christopherson, Jones and Mboga will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Chippewa St. Croix Rail Commission Council Member Gragert expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board. Council Member Christopherson expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the City / County Board of Health. Council Member Miller expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Housing Authority Board. Council Member Jones expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Housing Opportunities Commission. Council Members Christopherson and Werthmann expressed interest, however, Council Member Werthmann withdrew his name. Council Member Christopherson continued to express interest in serving on the Commission and by unanimous consent will serve on the Commission.

There were three positions on the Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives. The Council President is serves on the committee by virtue of the office, however, the other positions were left open due to the inactivity of the commission.

There was one position on the Landmarks Commission. Council Member Werthmann nominated Council Member Johnson to the Commission. By unanimous consent, Council Member Johnson will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Library Board. Council Member Miller expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There was one position on the Loan Administration Board. Council Member Mboga expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There were two positions on the Plan Commission. According to City Ordinance, Council Members appointed to the Plan Commission are to be elected by a two-thirds vote, meaning eight affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Members Felton and Werthmann expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Commission.

There were two positions on the Putnam Parks Commission. Council Members Miller and Anderson expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Member Felton expressed interest, however, she withdrew her name from consideration. Council Member Gragert expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Authority.

There was one position on the Transit Commission. Council Member Gragert expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Commission.

There was one position on the Utility Appeals Board. No Council Members expressed interest so the position was left for the new Council Member once one is appointed.

There were two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Board. Council Members Miller, Mboga, and Johnson expressed interest. Council Member Miller withdrew his name. By unanimous consent, Council Members Mboga and Johnson will serve on the Board.

There were two positions of the Visit Eau Claire Tourism & Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee. Council Members Mboga and Johnson expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Committee.

There were two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Members Werthmann and Jones expressed interest. Council Member Werthmann withdrew his name from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Member Jones will serve on the Board, the second position was left vacant for the new Council Member once one is appointment.

There was one position on the Eau Claire Confluence Arts Inc. Board of Directors. Council Member Johnson expressed interest and by unanimous consent will serve on the Board.

There were three open positions on the City Manager Evaluation Committee. According to City Code, the Council President and Vice President serve on the committee by virtue of their offices. Council Members Felton and Christopherson expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands. In round one, both Council Members received five votes. Votes for Council Member Christopherson: Council Members Anderson, Christopherson, Johnson, Jones, and Miller. Votes for Council Member Felton: Council Members Felton, Berge, Gragert, Mboga, and Werthmann. In round two, Council Member Felton received six voters to four for Council Member Christopherson. Voters for Council Member Christopherson: Council Members Christopherson, Johnson, Jones, and Miller. Votes for Council Member Felton: Council Members Anderson, Felton, Berge, Gragert, Mboga, and Werthmann.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

The Council drew for their Chamber seating arrangement.

PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY & CITY MANAGER

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: 4:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk