

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Berge called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Kate Felton, Jeremy Gragert, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller. Council Member Andrew Werthmann was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday May 23, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Council Legislative Session and the Special Meeting to Conduct Interviews for the vacant City Council District 1 seat of May 10, 2023.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2023-2025 licensing period.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. James The Greater Parish, Father, Tom Krieg, 2502 11th Street, on August 12 & 13, 2023, for the St. James Summerfest event.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of The Paint Shack LLC, d/b/a The Paint Shack, 2524 Golf Road Ste 2C, to include 2524 Golf Road Ste 2D.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Masonic Board of Trustees Ltd., d/b/a Grand Masonic Ballroom, 616 Graham Avenue, from Steven L. Lasure to Jerome J. Gebert be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Redtail Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Northern Tap House, 5020 Keystone Crossing, from Steven A. Repinski to Jessica L. Olson be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Chippewa Valley Family Entertainment Inc., d/b/a Wagner's Lanes, 2159 Brackett Avenue, from David P. Burg to Callie J. Tarvis be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Sconnies of Eau Claire LLC, d/b/a Wisco's, 1920 S Hastings Way, from David P. Burg to Callie J. Tarvis be approved.
- Authorizing authorizing Eau Claire Municipal Band to conduct the Eau Claire Municipal Band Summer Concert Series on Monday evenings from June 5 – July 24, 2023 at Owen Park.
- Authorizing Spirit Lutheran Church to conduct the Praise in the Park Worship Services on Sundays, June 4 – August 27, 2023 at Phoenix Park.

- Authorizing Eau Claire United Soccer Club to conduct the Eau Claire United Soccer Tournament on June 9-11, 2023 at the Eau Claire Soccer Park.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center to conduct Chippewa Valley Pride in the Park on June 10, 2023 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing the Mehara Shrine Club to conduct the Mehara Shrine Circus on June 13, 2023 at Carson Park Baseball Stadium.
- Awarding a Contract for Procurement No. 2023-03, City Wide Street and Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a Contract for Procurement No. 2023-06, City Wide Street and Utility Reconstruction.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 25, 26, and 27, 2023 American Legion Poppy Days in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 21-27, 2023 Emergency Medical Services Week.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, recognized May, 2023 National Water Safety Month in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed June, 2023 as Pride Month in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed June 3 through June 10, 2023 Wisconsin Bike Week in the City of Eau Claire.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution making an appointment to fill the vacant Aldermanic District 1 seat on the Eau Claire City Council. (Successful applicant must receive a majority vote of ‘all members’ or at least six votes.) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon the City Council took a vote. Jessica Schoen was appointed the Aldermanic District 1 representative by the following vote:

Jessica Schoen: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Gragert, Mboga, and Miller

Nicholas Webber: Council Members Johnson and Jones.

Joshua Zeug: Council Member Christopherson.

Randall DeMars: No votes.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the Purchase and Development Agreement with Merge, LLC, for property located at 126 N. Barstow Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Second Amendment to 2018 Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the City of Altoona for Ambulance Service. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent electrical overhead and underground distribution easement to Northern States Power Company on Jeffers Road at Parcel No. 14-0746 and Parcel No. 14-2321. Staff recommended that this item be postponed. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Miller “to postpone this item until an agreement is reached.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$105,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parking Lots and Other Parking Facilities Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$6,820,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,045,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$915,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$9,485,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental Districts. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$795,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution Authorizing \$8,335,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$27,500,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$7,475,000 Water System Revenue Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table VIII entitled “Parking Prohibited,” Table IX entitled “Parking During Specific Hours,” and Table X entitled “Parking Meter Locations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Felton “to amend the ordinance” by removing the Section 2. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Gragert, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, and Miller. Nay: Council Member Christopherson. A vote was then taken “to adopt the ordinance” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to amend Section 8.32.040 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Refuse Haulers” regarding the licensing period.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone properties from R-4 to CBDP located on Whipple Street to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a parking lot expansion (Z-1726-23).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 10.24 entitled "Special Parking Restrictions" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire relating to Business District Parking.

WORK SESSION

Following the legislative session, the Council convened in the Council Chamber for a work session on Parking Polices, Technology, and Staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Time: 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk