

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 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, Jeremy Gragert, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen and Andrew Werthmann. Council Member Kate Felton was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday June 13, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2023-2025 licensing period.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license of Acoustic Café III Inc., d/b/a Acoustic Café, 505A S Barstow Street, from Michelle L. Thiede to Bridgette L. Beck be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Southtowne Pub LLC, d/b/a Maple Manor, 2507 S Hastings Way, from Martin R. Trauger to Toby R. Biegel be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Southtowne Pub LLC, d/b/a Southtowne Pub, 4260 Southtowne Drive, from Martin R. Tauger to Toby R. Biegel be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Do Dodge Inn Inc., d/b/a Do-Dodge-Inn, 1339 Menomonie Street, from Alex J. Dodge to Adam. M. Dodge be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Blazin Wings Inc., d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings, 4612 Keystone Crossing, from Mathew J. Cooney to Alaina D. Jensen be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Wisconsin CVS Pharmacy LLC, d/b/a CVS Pharmacy #10550, 2200 Brackett Avenue, from Genie Xiong to Roger T. Langkamp be approved.
- Granting the renewal of the following licenses for the 2023-2024 licensing period: • Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses. • Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses. • Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses. • Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses. • Class A Fermented Malt Beverage licenses. • Class A Liquor Licenses. • Class A liquor (Cider Only) licenses. • Class C Wine licenses. • Class A Cabaret licenses. • Class B Cabaret licenses.

- Authorizing Eau Claire Fastpitch to conduct the Eau Claire Classic Softball Tournament on June 16-18, 2023 at Carson Park, Jeffers Park, and Bollinger Fields.
- Authorizing Forward Performing Arts to conduct their Drums on the Chippewa event on July 12, 2023 in Carson Park.
- Approving an agreement between the City and Eau Claire United Soccer for the use of the Soccer Park.
- Approving an agreement between the City and Chippewa Valley Soccer League – American Youth Soccer Organization (“AYSO”) for the use of the Soccer Park.

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 Monday June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Day in the City of Eau Claire.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc. to conduct Eau Claire HmongFest on June 16-18, 2023 at the Eau Claire Soccer Park in accordance with the Soccer Park Use Agreement. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Association Inc., President, Chaikao Vang, 1320 W Clairemont Avenue, on June 17 & 18, 2023, for the Eau Claire HmongFest event at the Eau Claire Soccer Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Town of Washington for design and construction of East Hamilton Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen “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. 14-2321. (Postponed from the May 22 & 23, 2023, Council meetings). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “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. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an Amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement with CMJM Properties, LLC for the purchase of City owned property located in the Gateway Industrial Park along County Line Road. 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 accept a \$500,000 grant award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Site Assessment program to fund environmental analysis of potential redevelopment sites in the City of Eau Claire. (Because this item amends the budget, a 2/3 vote of elected members, or 8 affirmative votes, is required for adoption.) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Mboga “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 approving the appointment of Council Member Jessica Schoen to the Utility Appeals Board and Waterways and Parks Commission. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution indicating receipt and review of the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2023-31, Fairfax Pool Ice Cream Vendor. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The Council considered 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. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered 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. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to amend the ordinance” by striking “of the following year” from the ordinance in Section 1 – 1a. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the ordinance” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance to rezone properties from R-4 to CBDP located at 1611, 1617, and 1621 Whipple Street and 413 Cameron Street to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a parking lot expansion (Z-1726-23). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Schoen and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Gragert, and Miller.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone properties from TR-1A to C-3 located at 2840 W Folsom Street for a mini warehouse (Z-1727-23).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller to and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to suspend the rules which interfere with the immediate consideration of the ordinance.” Said motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous vote. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Time: 5:18pm

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Rebecca L. Draeger
Deputy City Clerk