

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 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, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen and Andrew Werthmann. Council Member Roderick Jones was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, July 11, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2023-25 licensing period.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2023-07, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Authorizing the City Clerk to accept grant monies from the Wisconsin Elections Commission for the purchase of Absentee Ballot Envelopes.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Jazz, Inc. to conduct the Eau Claire Summer Jazz Crawl on July 15, 2023 at Phoenix Park and downtown Eau Claire.
- Authorizing Visit Eau Claire to conduct the TBEX North America event on July 17-20, 2023 at Haymarket Plaza.
- Granting Temporary Expansion of a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage Licensed Premise.
- Authorizing JONAH to conduct the Multi-Cultural Fair on August 20, 2023 in Phoenix 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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County for CTH T Corridor Engineering Services. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “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 Eau Claire County for Roadway Reconstruction of CTH CC (W. Folsom 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 approving the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. 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. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the resolution” by the following:
Addition of \$275,000 in years 2025-2028 to fund Investments in Affordable Housing.
Addition of \$200,000 in year 2025 for Participatory Budgeting.
Addition of \$250,000 in year 2026 for a one-time capital support payment to the Eau Claire County Humane Association (ECCHA) contingent upon a mutually agreeable renewal of the current service agreement between the parties and acceptable to the City Council with a fee and service delivery structure that recognizes this capital support from the City of Eau Claire.
Addition of \$245,000 in year 2024 and \$375,000 in year 2025 for the Energy Efficiency Navigator Program.

To accommodate the above items, the following items will be reduced:
Reduce project #450-0010 Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities by \$240,000 in 2027 and \$1,600,000 in 2028.
Reduce project #434-008 Land, Building & Equipment Fire Station Projects by \$5,000 in 2025 and \$65,000 in 2026.
Reduce project #450-009 Parks & Recreation Plank Hill Master Plan by \$60,000 for 2024 and \$200,000 for 2025.

Council Member Miller offered a friendly amendment to change “Addition of \$250,000 in year 2026” to “year 2024” which Council Members Werthmann and Felton agreed to. Thereupon Council Member Christopherson requested that the motion be divided which was granted by Council President Berge. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller to “challenge the decision of the chair to divide the motion into four separate motions.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Felton, Johnson., Mboga, Miller, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert, and Schoen. The amendments were then considered separately.

Motion to amend the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan for Fund 434 Land, Building & Equipment by adding \$275,000 in years 2025-2028 to fund Investments in Affordable Housing. To accommodate funding this program, project # 450-0010 Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities is reduced by \$240,000 in 2027 and \$860,000 in 2028. Said motion passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan for Fund 434 Land, Building & Equipment by adding \$245,000 in year 2024 and \$375,000 for 2025 for the Energy Efficiency

Navigator Program. To accommodate funding this program, project #450-0010 Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities is reduced by \$620,000 in 2028.
Said motion passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan for Fund 434 Land, Building & Equipment by adding \$200,000 in year 2025 to fund Participatory Budgeting. To accommodate funding this program, the following items are proposed to be reduced:
Reduce project #450-0010 Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities by \$120,000 in 2028.
Reduce project #434-008 Land, Building & Equipment Fire Station Projects by \$5,000 in 2025 and \$65,000 in 2026.
Reduce project #450-009 Parks & Recreation Plank Hill Master Plan by \$10,000 for 2024.
Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Felton, Gragert, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge and Christopherson.

Motion to amend the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan for Fund 434 Land, Building & Equipment by adding \$250,000 in year 2024 for a one-time capital support payment to the Eau Claire County Humane Association (ECCHA) contingent upon a mutually agreeable renewal of the current service agreement between the parties and acceptable to the City Council with a fee and service delivery structure that recognizes this capital support from the City of Eau Claire. To accommodate funding this program, project # 450-009 Plank Hill Master Plan is reduced by \$50,000 in 2024 and \$200,000 in 2025. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the resolution” by removing “\$50,000 in 2024 and” from the original motion” and add “and project 406-004: Parking-Galloway Ramp-Electric Inverter and Security System Rehab reduced by 50,000 in 2028.” To accommodate funding this program, project # 450-009 Plank Hill Master Plan is reduced by \$200,000 in 2025 and project 406-004: Parking-Galloway Ramp-Electric Inverter and Security System Rehab is reduced by 50,000 in 2028.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the motion as amended.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

The City Council considered a resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution regarding support for a Comprehensive Water Stewardship and Sustainability Planning Effort, Water Rate Case Study, and Partnerships. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a friendly amendment was offered by Council Member Christopherson “to amend the resolution” by adding to the first resolve clause the following “...subject to appropriation of adequate funding in the 2024 or subsequent year’s Water Utility budget and direction of City Council following completion and presentation of the water use plan thereafter...” The amendment was accepted by Council Members Werthmann and

Felton. Council Member Miller made a friendly amendment to add “quality”, “public”, and “individual” in line C to make the line read: “Envision equitable access to quality groundwater for all users, including public, individual, residential, commercial, and industrial users.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to Re-Appropriate ARPA Funding. 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.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating Section 3.40.020 entitled “Adoption of a Local Vehicle Registration Fee” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from C-2 to R-4P located at 2125 3rd Street to adopt the general development plan for multi-family development (Z-1728-23).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from R-4 to RM-P and to amend the zoning and general development plan to allow for the multi-family development located at 618 E Grand Avenue (Z-1405-08 Amendment).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to amend the general development plan for reduction in landscape buffering along the front yard from 10 feet to 5 feet located at 2001, 2021, 2105 Brackett Avenue and 1903 Keith Street (Z-807 Amendment).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Time: 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk