

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 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, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, and Joshua Miller. The following Council Members were absent: Charles Johnson, Jessica Schoen and Andrew Werthmann

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday August 8, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2023-2025 licensing period.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to SBG Apple North I, LLC, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 4745 Golf Road, Casimir J. Banaszek, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Casa Margarita West LLC, d/b/a Casa Margarita, 2106 North Clairemont Avenue, Maria T. Jacinto, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to UWEC Alumni Association, President Amanda Hill-Hable, 127 Roosevelt Avenue, on October 7, 2023, for the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming event.
- Granting a petition and waiver for sidewalk construction at 304 Sixth Avenue, Parcel No. 07-0104.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 on the Grand Avenue Bridge.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc, President Mike Dill, 203 S Farwell Street, on August 16, 2023, for A Grand Evening on the Bridge event.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Museum to conduct the US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship from Thursday, August 10, 2023 through Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Carson Park.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Wisconsin Logging Museum, President Eric Holzman, 1110 E Half Moon Drive, on October 13, 2023, for the US Open Chainsaw Championship event.
- Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities to purchase and place a trash receptacle outside of Sojourner House.

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution approving the formation of an Ad Hoc July Fourth Celebration Committee. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” There were two positions on the Ad Hoc July Fourth Celebration Committee for Council Members. Council Members Johnson and Werthmann expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent Council Members Johnson and Werthmann will serve on the Ad Hoc July Fourth Celebration Committee. Thereupon a friendly amendment was offered by Council Member Felton “to amend the resolution” by adding two positions, one at-large member and one member appointed by the Board of Health. The amendment was accepted. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The Council considered an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 9.43 entitled “Exposing Minors to Harmful Materials” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from TC-2 to C-2P located at 2712 Mercantile Drive and to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a Hope Gospel School (Z-1730-23). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance to rezone properties from R-2 and C-2P to C-3 located at 1631 and 1709 Harding Avenue, 1731 Royal Court (Z-1731-23). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Council Member Gragert made a request “divide the issue” by considering the rezoning changes separately. No objection was made. Thereupon a vote was taken to rezone 1709 Harding Avenue; Parcel Number: 13-1411 from C-2P to C-3. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Thereupon a vote was taken to rezone the properties from R2 to C-3. Said motion failed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located at 1930 Cleveland Street from R-4P to C-3MX to adopt a request for a proposed amendment to the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan for mixed use planned development (Z-1729-23).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Time: 5:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Emily K. Berge
Council President

Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk