

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 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, 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, September 12, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the August 22, 2023 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2023-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of the six-month Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Curling, Inc., d/b/a Eau Claire Curling Club Inc., 5530 Fairview Drive, Matthew Wahl, agent.
- granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Sacred Heart of Jesus – St Patrick Parish, President, Reverend Antony Joseph, 448 N Dewey St, on October 1, 2023, for the Autumn Social event.
- Preliminary resolution declaring the City's intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and trail improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing to be scheduled on S. Lowes Creek Road, 780 Feet North of Mischler Road to South Property Line (5551 S. Lowes Creek Road) (23-120).
- Authorizing City of Eau Claire staff to submit a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Investment Grant Application on behalf of P & R Properties for redevelopment of a vacant lot located in the Cannery District.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of ECHL, LLC, d/b/a The Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson Street, to include the Four Corners lot for the Fall Festival, for the date of September 16, 2023.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16, 2023 in Downtown Eau Claire along City streets and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Memorial High School to conduct the Memorial High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 29, 2023 along City streets in Carson Park.
- Authorizing North High School to conduct the North High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 6, 2023 along City streets in Carson Park.

- Authorizing the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association to conduct the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming Parade and Celebration on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Carson Park and along City streets and sidewalks.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Community Services Department to conduct the Clearwater Winter Parade on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Owen Park and along Grand Avenue and First Avenue in Eau Claire.

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.

PROCLAMATION

Council President Berge, on behalf of the Eau Claire City Council, proclaimed August 31, 2023 International Overdose Awareness Day and call upon the people of Eau Claire to observe this day by helping to raise awareness of substance use disorder, work to combat stigmatization, promote treatment, celebrate recovery, and strengthen our collective efforts to prevent overdose deaths.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.24 entitled "Special Parking Restrictions" and Table IX entitled "Parking During Specified Hours" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance amending the floodplain ordinance (Z-1723-23). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 4808 E Hamilton Avenue, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 23-2A.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 3131 Orange Street, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 23-3A.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A to R-2 located at 2637 W Vine Street (Z-1732-23).

CLOSED SESSION

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen to go into closed session to conduct the six-month performance evaluation process of the City Manager, an employee over whom the City Council exercises responsibility, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller to come out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk