

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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, Aaron Brewster, Kate Felton, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on April 23, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Council Legislative Session and the Tuesday, April 16, 2024 Council Organizational Meeting.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Covizza LLC, d/b/a Leona's, 406 Galloway Street, Jacob Paulsrud, agent.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Class C Wine license to Dhimeters, LLC, d/b/a Pizza Del Re, 911 North Hastings Way, Cameryn Moravitz, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to T&L Maple 53 Building B LLC, d/b/a Maple 53 Bar, 2507 South Hastings Way, Timothy Haroldson, agent.
- Disallowing the claim of Clayton Livingston for damages arising out of a September 4, 2022 incident.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-27, City Wide Street Micro-Surfacing.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a Recreation Trail Program Grant.
- Authorizing Tangled Up in Hue to conduct the Artist Market of Eau Claire on Saturdays from May 18 – October 12, 2024 in Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Hive & Hollow to conduct the North Hill Spring Market on Saturday, May 18, 2024 on City streets and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Performance Promotions Group to conduct the Arts & Craft Adventure on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Blues Society to conduct the Tuesday Night Blues Concert Series on Tuesdays, May 28-August 27, 2024 in Owen Park.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Berge read a proclamation designating Friday, April 26, 2024 Arbor Day in the City of Eau Claire, and urged all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, support our city's urban forestry program, and urge all residents to plant trees for the well-being of present and future generations.

President Berge read a proclamation designating April 22nd – 26th as Earth Week 2024 in the City of Eau Claire, encouraging and supporting efforts to protect and preserve our natural environment as it is one of our most precious resources.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution canceling the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2024. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City Manager to enter into a Use Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Soccer League – American Youth Soccer Organization Region 803. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Brewster "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire United Soccer for the use of the Soccer Park. 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 approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Felton "to adopt the resolution."

Council Member Miller requested that Joe Bluma's appointment to the Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee be considered separately. No objection was voiced and Mr. Bluma's appointment was separated.

A vote was then taken to "adopt the resolution" with Mr. Bluma's appointment removed. Said vote passed unanimously.

A vote was then taken to "approve Mr. Bluma's appointment" to the Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Said vote failed by the following: Nay: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Abstained: Council Member Brewster.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the formation of an ad hoc Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Committee. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Council Member Werthmann nominated Council Member Felton to serve on the Committee. Council Member Brewster seconded the nomination. Council Member Felton accepted the nomination and no objections were heard. A vote was then taken to “adopt the resolution” and appoint Council Member Felton to the Committee. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving a public art application for the Boyd Park Skate Park. 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.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council considered a substitute ordinance amending Title 2 Chapter 2.08 Entitled “City Council” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the substitute ordinance.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the ordinance” by relocating the language regarding the ordinance’s effective date from Section One to Section Two. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the substitute ordinance as amended”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Brewster.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had the first reading of an ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-2 located at 2464 Jackson Street (Z-1738-24).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Time: 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk