

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 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, and Clara Serrano.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on May 14, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and Class B Cabaret licensed premise at 422 Water Street LLC, d/b/a Social Club, 410 Galloway Street, to include 416 Galloway Street.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and Class B Cabaret licensed premise at Water Street 436 Company LLC, d/b/a Mogie's Pub, 436 Water Street, to include a fenced patio area on the east side of the rear of the building.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license CAPL Retail, LLC, d/b/a Express Lane, 2205 Eddy Lane, from Patricia K. Laughlin to Julia L. Dixon.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Kwik Trip, Inc, d/b/a Kwik Trip #1162, 2515 Patton Street, from Noah M. Bitney to Hannah M. Raatz.
- 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 #94, 4612 Keystone Crossing, from Alaina D. Jensen to Taylor L. Williams.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-02, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-04, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-05, City Wide Street Improvements.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-06, City Wide Alley Improvements.
- Approving a one lot Certified Survey Map for property located off of N. Hastings Way (File CSM-1-24).

- Declaring May 15, 2024 as Welcome Back Bird Day in Eau Claire.
- Authorizing the Transit Division of the Community Services Department to submit an application to the Department of Energy for a Communities Sparking Investment in Transformative Energy (C-SITE) Grant.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Patriotic Council to conduct the Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 27, 2024 at Owen Park and along City streets.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Makers Market to conduct the Eau Claire Makers Market on select Fridays in June, July, August, and September, 2024 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Eau Claire United Soccer Club to conduct the Eau Claire United Soccer Tournament on June 7-9, 2024 at the Eau Claire Soccer Park.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Municipal Band to conduct the Eau Claire Municipal Band Summer Concert Series on Monday evenings from June 10 – July 29, 2024 at Owen Park.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

President Berge read a proclamation designating the week of May 19-25, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

President Berge read a proclamation recognizing and celebrating Eau Claire’s Bird City status and designating May 15, 2024 as Welcome Back Bird Day in the City of Eau Claire.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a set of resolutions granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License to:

- California Tacos LLC, d/b/a California Tacos
329 Water Street Unit 2, Natalie Velazquez, agent.
OR
- Silly Serrano Mexican Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Silly Serrano
2006 Cameron Street, Sheila Arredondo, agent.
OR
- Nacho’s Grill & Cantina LLC dba Nacho’s Grill & Cantina
2849 Mall Drive, Ignacio Infante Fuentes, agent.

Natalie Velasquez (applicant) presented on behalf of California Tacos.

Sheila Arredondo (applicant) presented on behalf of Silly Serrano.

Ignacio Infante Fuentes (applicant) presented on behalf of Nacho’s Grill & Cantina.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to Silly Serrano Mexican Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Silly Serrano 2006 Cameron Street, Sheila Arredondo, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Serrano.
Nay: Council Member Mboga

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to California Tacos LLC, d/b/a California Tacos 329 Water Street Unit 2, Natalie Velazquez, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to indefinitely postpone the resolution.”

Said motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Serrano.
Nay: Council Member Mboga

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to Nacho’s Grill & Cantina LLC dba Nacho’s Grill & Cantina 2849 Mall Drive, Ignacio Infante Fuentes, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to indefinitely postpone the resolution.” Said motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Serrano.
Nay: Council Member Mboga

The City Council considered the appointment of Council Members to the Redevelopment Authority Board, Board of Review, and Waterways and Parks Commission. These appointments were previously decided upon at the City Council’s April 16, 2024 Organizational Meeting, but must be reconsidered.

There was one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Members Brewster and Schoen previously expressed interest in serving on the Board. The Council voted by a show of hands. Council Member Schoen received seven votes. Council Member Brewster received 2 votes. Because appointments to the Redevelopment Authority require a 4/5 vote of elected members, or 9 affirmative votes, neither member was appointed.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Jones to postpone the Redevelopment Authority appointment until the City Council’s next Legislative Session on May 28, 2024. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was one position on the Board of Review. Council Member Jones nominated Council Member Brewster to serve on the Board. Council Member Brewster accepted the nomination. By unanimous consent, Council Member Brewster will serve on the Board.

There were two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Member Felton nominated Council Member Brewster to serve on the Commission. Council Member Brewster accepted the nomination. Council Member Mboga nominated Council Member Serrano to serve on the Commission. Council Member Serrano accepted the nomination. By unanimous consent, Council Members Brewster and Serrano will serve on the Commission.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Ryan Larson for the purchase of Lot 21, a City owned parcel located at 0

Continental Drive in Sky Park Industrial Center. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adjusting the boundaries of the election wards within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “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 the Eau Claire YMCA for use of Fairfax Pool. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting “High Five Bear,” “Escape Artist,” and “When Dreams Take Flight” Artwork Donations from Sculpture Tour Eau Claire. 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 authorizing the vacation of a portion of Cedar Street from the easterly right-of-way line of Eighth Street, extended north, to the westerly right-of-way line of the C. St P. m. & O Railway. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to postpone” for two months, to the July 9, 2024 City Council meeting.

Thereupon Council Member Felton suggested amending the motion from “to postpone” for two months, to “to postpone” for up to two months. Council Members Mboga and Brewster agreed to the amendment. Said amended motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent encroachment to the property owner of 225 N. Barstow Street for equipment installation. Council Member Felton recused herself from voting on this agenda item. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution indicating the receipt and review of the 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council Considered a substitute ordinance amending 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 Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the substitute ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-2 located at 2464 Jackson Street (Z-1738-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had the first reading of a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire.

The City Council had the first reading of a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and remote meeting attendance amending Section 2.08.065 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for two Work Sessions on the following topics: 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and Options for location of Day Resource Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 5:43 p.m.

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk