

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 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 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 June 11, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2024-2026 licensing period.
- Granting a Secondhand Article and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer license to Teva Alexander LLC, d/b/a Williams Diamond Center, 2823 London Road Suite 4, Teva A. Dekal, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chippewa Off Road Bike Association, President, Jon Olstadt, 5530 Fairview Drive, on July 6, 2024 from 8:00am to 4:00pm, for the Red Flint Firecracker event.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the 2024-2025 license year for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of 200 Main LLC, d/b/a 2 Roots Gallery, 214-216 South Barstow Street, from Judy K. Melland to Sean R. Chambers be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the 2024-2025 license year for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of VFW Club 305 Inc., d/b/a VFW Club 305 Inc, 1300 Starr Avenue, from Kevin J. Bertetto to Donna M. Faanes be approved.
- Granting the renewal of the following licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period:
 - Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A Cabaret licenses.
 - Class B Cabaret licenses.
- Approving the continuation of the City of Eau Claire's self-insured workers' compensation program.
- Authorizing the City Manager to pursue a \$150,000 grant award from the Otto Bremer Trust to assist in funding a Street Ambassador program.

- Authorizing the City Manager to pursue a \$500,000 grant award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant to fund a program to assist residents in qualifying Census Tracts in removing and replacing dead and dying trees on private property.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-19, Transit Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) System.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-03, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Approving the final plat for Ravenlex Twinhomes located at the corners of Melmar Court and Sunridge Court (File P-1-24).
- Authorizing Eau Claire Fastpitch to conduct the Eau Claire Classic on June 14-16, 2024 at Carson Park and Jeffers Park.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct First Fridays and Sidewalk Saturdays on select Fridays and Saturdays in June through October 2024 on City sidewalks.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation declaring Wednesday, June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth Day in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation declaring Wednesday, June 20, 2024, as World Refugee Day in the City of Eau Claire.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premises of Eau Zone LLC, d/b/a Metropolis Resort, 2402 Lorch Avenue, to include arcade and trampoline park.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by the following vote. Aye: Council Members Brewster and Johnson. Nay: Council Members Berge, Felton, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to BMSL Inc, d/b/a Cenex, 2802 3rd Street, Joga Singh, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by the following vote. Aye: Council Members Brewster, Johnson, Miller, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Members Berge, Felton, Jones, Mboga, and Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chohan Inc, d/b/a Cenex, 101 Ferry Street, Joga Singh, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council

Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Brewster, Johnson, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge, Felton, Jones, and Mboga.

A motion was made by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller to reconsider the resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to BMSL Inc, d/b/a Cenex, 2802 3rd Street, Joga Singh, agent. The motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Jones.

The City Council reconsidered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to BMSL Inc, d/b/a Cenex, 2802 3rd Street, Joga Singh, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote. Aye: Council Members Brewster, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge, Felton, and Jones.

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 Miller and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.”

A motion was made by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann to postpone the 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 to the Council’s next legislative session.

Council Member Serrano withdrew her motion to postpone.

A motion was made by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann to amend the 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 to include a provision to preserve as much tree space as possible. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Mboga, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Schoen.

A motion was made by Council Member Werthmann to amend the 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 to remove the northern half of the vacation. No second was heard.

The City Council then voted on the motion to adopt the 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. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Schoen. Nay: Council Members Mboga, Serrano, and Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with JJJR 1119 LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Ravenlex. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.”

A motion was made by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Brewster to postpone the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with JJJR 1119 LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Ravenlex until the City Council’s next legislative session, to be held on June 25, 2024. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Members Mboga and Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to enter into a Residential Development Agreement with Keyhole Capital for The Sevens Project on Old Town Hall Road. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-3P to C-3 located at 1828 S. Hastings Way (Z-1739-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from I-1 to P located at 2740 Bauer Street (Z-1740-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for multi-family development located at 4808 E Hamilton Avenue (Z-1742-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the ordinance.”

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Brewster to postpone the ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for multi-family development located at 4808 E Hamilton Avenue (Z-1742-24) until the City Council’s July 8 and July 9, 2024 meetings. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council members Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Member Werthmann.

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Table XII entitled “Parking, Stopping and Standing Prohibited” 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 Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had the first reading of an ordinance to rezone property from R-2 to R-2P and R-3P located on the north side of Prairie Lane, west of Juniper Place and Stephi Road (Z-1741-24).

WORK SESSION

Following the legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session on Strategic Planning and Community Engagement covering a review of data on the wellbeing of Eau Claire, including resident and employee survey results, feedback from public meetings, and analysis of publicly available data.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk