

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 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, 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 25, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, June 11, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2024-2026 licensing period.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Speedy LLC, d/b/a Speedy LLC, 3314 East Hamilton Ave, Hector Pucheta, agent.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the 2024-2025 license year for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage license of Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, LLC, d/b/a Family Dollar Store #23349, 2745 Birch Street, from Steve Lowery to Joshua E. Bragger be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair, Inc, President, Steven Erdman, 5530 Fairview Drive, between the dates of July 21, 2024 and July 28, 2024 from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm, for the Eau Claire County Fair event.
- Granting the renewal of Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of Class A Fermented Malt Beverage licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Granting the renewal of Class C Wine licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing period.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-22, Mount Washington Water Reservoir Rehabilitation.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in Downtown Eau Claire along City streets and 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 the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Eau Claire.

LICENSING

The City Council considered a resolution renewing Event Beverages, LLC’s Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License and approving a change to its Alcohol Use Agreement for a one-year trial term. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.”

A motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to amend the resolution” to reject the proposed change to the Alcohol Use Agreement. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Schoen, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, and Serrano.

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

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – JJJR 1119

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 Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to postpone consideration of the resolution” until the Council’s Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Legislative Session. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Council Member Werthmann requested that Nathan Anderson’s appointment to the Transit Commission be considered separately. No objection was voiced, and Mr. Anderson’s appointment was separated.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution” with Mr. Anderson’s appointment to the Transit Commission removed. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council then considered a resolution approving the appointment of Nathan Anderson to the Transit Commission. Council Member Anderson abstained and left the Council Chamber. 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 Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Abstained: Council Member Anderson.

Council Member Anderson returned to the Chamber.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Handbook for Public Officials concerning the length of time speakers are allotted during the public hearing process. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.”

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to postpone consideration of the resolution” to the Council’s Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Legislative Session and to hold a public hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024 to gather input. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Mboga, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Jones.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing affordable housing grants in the amount of \$189,000 to Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT NO. 17

The City Council considered a resolution creating Tax Incremental District No. 17, approving its Project Plan and establishing its boundaries. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CDBG AND HOME GRANT FUNDING

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City of Eau Claire’s 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant funding appropriations. 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.

WILLINGNESS TO ANNEX TERRITORY

The City Council considered a resolution stating a Willingness to Annex Territory Designated in an Incorporation Petition adopted by the Town of Washington. 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.

REZONE R-2 to R-2P and R-3P

The City Council Considered 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). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Deputy City Manager Dave Solberg shared information and answered questions relating to the Day Resource Center discussion held by community organizations on 6/18/2024.

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Berge announced that upon a motion duly made and carried, the City Council may go into closed session to hear Grievance No. 2024-100 before the City Council per the City’s labor contract with Fire Fighters Local 487, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.82 (1) and 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Time: 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk