

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 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, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Emily Anderson and Charles Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on August 13, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2024-2026 licensing period.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc, President, Mike Dill, 203 S Farwell Street, on August 14, 2024, for A Grand Evening on the Bridge event.
- Approving an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Area School District for fuel purchasing.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 on the Grand Avenue Bridge.
- Authorizing We Care Eau Claire to conduct the We Care Eau Claire Back to School event on Monday, August 19 2024 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Mayo Clinic to conduct the Gathering of Waters Powwow event on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Carson Park.
- Authorizing Eaum Yoga and Fitness to conduct the Eaum Yoga and Fitness Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 7, 2024 on East Grand Avenue.
- Approving a site plan in a P-Public district for the Treatment Facility and other improvements located at 2711 Riverview Drive in the City of Eau Claire (File PZ-2401).
- Approving a County Plat within the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) in the Town of Wheaton, located on 33rd East, south of Highway 29 (File P-4-24).

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 week of August 19th – 23rd as Youth Soccer Week in the City of Eau Claire.

Council Member Anderson joined the meeting.

PERMANENT AERIAL ENCROACHMENT

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent aerial encroachment to Merge Urban Development, LLC for building construction related to the housing portion of the Chippewa Valley Transit Transfer Center at 402 South Farwell Street. 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.

PERMANENT GAS EASEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution granting permanent gas easements to Northern States Power Company within Kessler Park, Cannery Park, North River Front Park, and within land located on the Central Maintenance Facility, parcel nos. 08-0436a, 08-0436, 08-0437, 08-0438, 08-0439, 08-0440, 08-0401, 08-0375, 09-0381, 09-0382b, 09-0382e, 09-0382a, and 09-0268. 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.

PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the Purchase and Development Agreement with Merge, LLC. 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.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The City Council considered the appointment of one of its members to the Housing Authority Board. This appointment was previously decided upon at the City Council’s April 16, 2024 Organizational Meeting, but must be reconsidered.

Thereupon Council Member Felton nominated Council Member Brewster to serve on the Board. Council Member Werthmann seconded. Council Member Brewster accepted the nomination. By unanimous consent, Council Member Brewster will serve on the Board.

ZONING

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-3P to C-3P and to adopt the general development plan for an office building located at 4908 Bullis Farm Road (Z-1743-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-2 located at 4847, 4939, 4951 Bean Road (Z-1744-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.”

A motion was then offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to indefinitely postpone the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan located at 644 Mathews Drive (Z-1745-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Abstained: Council Member Brewster.

ANNEXATION

The City Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 24-2A. 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.

TABLE IX – PARKING DURING SPECIFIED HOURS

The City Council considered an 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 Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CHAPTER 10.20 – PARKING METERS & LOTS

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 entitled “Parking Meters and Lots” 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.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to amend the ordinance” to extend paid parking to all parking spaces within the lot. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Brewster and Felton. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, Werthmann.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to amend the ordinance” to allow the proposed free parking to be in effect for one year from today, after which, it would transition into paid spaces. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Brewster, and Mboga. Nay: Council Members Berge, Felton, Jones, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative Session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session on the 2025 Operating Budget priorities and parameters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Time: 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk