

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 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, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Emily Anderson and Roderick Jones.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Anderson joined the meeting.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on August 27, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 13, 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus – St Patrick Parish, Pastor Rev. Michael E. Klos, 448 N Dewey St, on October 6, 2024, for the Autumn Social event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to UWEC Alumni Association, President, Jacob Truby, at the Carson Park Pine Pavilion, for the date of October 12, 2024, for the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Greater West Central Area Labor Council, President, Nicholas Webber, 2233 Birch Street, on September 2, 2024, for the Labor Day Celebration event.
- Granting a Class A Cabaret license to Eau Claire Event District LLC, d/b/a Eau Claire Event District, 5775 20th Avenue.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Rancho Grande Bar and Grill LLC, d/b/a Rancho Grande Bar and Grill, 2507 South Hastings Way, Jeremy Radle, agent.
- Authorizing Special Olympics Wisconsin to conduct the Buckshot Run on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Carson Park and along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Authorizing the Greater West Central Labor Council to conduct the Labor Day Celebration on Monday, September 2, 2024 at Phoenix Park.

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 day of August 31, 2024 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Eau Claire.

LICENSING

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license and Class A Cabaret license to Levy Premium Foodservice, L.P., d/b/a Levy at the Sonnentag, 1075 Menomonie Street, Gregory A. Tinnen II, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

U.S. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

The City Council considered an advisory resolution regarding support for a U.S. Constitution Amendment to allow limiting campaign finance spending. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

Council Member Jones joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a substitute resolution authorizing City staff to accept a \$486,000 Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to fund the Greening Urban Spaces in Disadvantaged Eau Claire Neighborhoods program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the substitute resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROMISSORY NOTES

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the sale of approximately \$9,935,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. 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 providing for the sale of approximately \$6,595,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes. 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.

DONATION FROM EAU CLAIRE SKATERS ASSOCIATION

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a donation from the Eau Claire Skaters Association for the addition of a light at the Boyd Park Skate Park. 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.

TITLE 13 CHAPTER 13.12 – BIKE CORRAL AMENDMENT

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Title 13 Chapter 13.12 entitled “Street Use” 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 a Work Session on the appropriation of ARPA Phase 3 Spending, including a preliminary report on the BIPOC Committee recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time: 4:49 p.m.

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk