

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 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, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Kate Felton and Jessica Schoen.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on September 10, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 27, 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 Regis Catholic Schools, INC, President, Paul Pedersen, at 2100 Fenwick Avenue, for the date of September 14, 2024, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm, for the Rambler Royale event.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premises of Fire N Ice LLC, d/b/a The Fire House, 202 Gibson Street, to include the Strobel Insurance parking lot for the Maker's Market event, for the date of October 5, 2024.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct Fall Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in Downtown Eau Claire along city streets and sidewalks.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Downtown Eau Claire, INC, President, Mike Dill, South Barstow Street and Main Street, to include the Four Corner's Lot, on September 14, 2024, for the Downtown Fall Festival event.
- Approving the final plat for Phase I of Prairie West, located on the north side of Prairie Lane, west of Juniper Place (File P-3-24).
- Authorizing Volume One to conduct Dark History Tours on various dates in September, October, and November 2024.
- Authorizing the UW - Eau Claire Alumni Association to conduct the UW - Eau Claire Homecoming Celebration and Parade on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Carson Park and 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 week of September 13-22, 2024 as Welcoming Week in the City of Eau Claire.

PHOENIX TAPROOM – OKTOBERFEST

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Phoenix Taproom and Kitchen to conduct Oktoberfest Eau Claire on Saturday, September 14, 2024 on Main 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.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Phoenix EC, LLC for use of the dead-end of Main Street west of the Chippewa River for Oktoberfest and to permit consumption of alcohol in the right of way. 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.

FIRE HOUSE – FALL FESTIVAL

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Fire House to conduct the Fall Festival Fire House Beer Garden on Saturday, September 14, 2024 on Gibson Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to indefinitely postpone the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premises of Fire N Ice LLC, d/b/a The Fire House, 202 Gibson Street, to include the Strobel Insurance parking lot for the Downtown Fall Festival, for the date of September 14, 2024. 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 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Fire ‘n Ice, LLC for use of a portion of Gibson Street for DECI’s Fall Festival and to permit consumption of alcohol in the right of way. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to indefinitely postpone the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

HOME – ARP FUNDING

Council Member Mboga abstained and left the Council Chamber.

The City Council considered a resolution allocating the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.”

A motion was then offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to amend the resolution” to adjust the HOME-ARP funding by adding \$225,000 to Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity. To accommodate funding this program within the allowable grant funding, a reduction of \$225,000 will be applied to Eau Claire Hmong Mutual Assistance Association. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Serrano, and Werthman. Abstain: Council Member Mboga.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the resolution as amended.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Serrano, and Werthman. Abstain: Council Member Mboga.

Council Member Mboga returned to the Council Chamber.

BIPOC REPORT

The City Council considered a resolution receiving the Black, Indigenous & People of Color (BIPOC) Steering Committee report titled “BIPOC Steering Committee Summary Excerpt” related to ARPA Phase III funding. 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.

PHASE III ARPA FUNDS

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating Phase III ARPA Funds. 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.

SCULPTURE TOUR ENCROACHMENT

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent encroachment to Sculpture Tour of Eau Claire for the “Sculpture Tour” exhibit. 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.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Wurzer Builders, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the plat of Prairie West I. 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.

EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The City Council considered a resolution amending EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan to create flexibility within loan requirements to allow further eligibility to industries currently excluded from the loan program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Miller and Serrano.

TITLE 13 CHAPTER 13.12 – BIKE CORRAL AMENDMENT

Council Member Johnson left the meeting.

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Title 13 Chapter 13.12 entitled “Street Use” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. 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.

CITY COUNCIL SALARIES

The City Council had first reading on a charter ordinance amending Section 2.04.010 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Reorganization -- Aldermanic districts -- Council salaries”, specifically paragraph B regarding City Council salaries.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from R-3 to R-4 located at 2507 Sessions Street (Z-1746-24).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A to R-1, R-2P, R-3, and C-3 located at West side of Mischler Road, north of County Road II (Z-1747-24).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to amend the zoning and the general development plan to allow service stations / vehicle fueling stations within the Water Street Commercial District (Z-1541-14 Amd).

EDI COMMISSION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating Chapter 2.57 of Title 2 entitled “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Time: 5:53 p.m.

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk