

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 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, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Kate Felton.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Werthmann requested that agenda item #5 regarding a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Big T's Saloon to include the expansion of an outdoor patio be considered separately. No objection was voiced, and agenda item #5 was separated.

The Council then considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on September 24, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chippewa Valley Museums, President, Melissa Pederson, 1204 East Half Moon Drive, on October 19, 2024, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm, for the Skelebrations event.
- Granting the renewal of the six-month Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Curling INC, d/b/a Eau Claire Curling INC, 5530 Fairview Drive, Robert Heacox, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to the St. Olaf Parish, Pastor Rev. James R. Kurzynski, 3220 Monroe Street, for the dates of October 4, 2024, for the St. Olaf Fish Fry event.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of BMSL INC, d/b/a Cenex, 2802 3rd Street, from Harvinder Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Chohan Inc, d/b/a Cenex, 101 Ferry Street, from Harvinder Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur be approved.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2024-42, TID #8 Street Improvements.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula program funds from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Museums to conduct the Chippewa Valley Skelebrations event on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Carson Park.

- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon to conduct the halleAUween 5K on Friday, October 25, 2024 at Phoenix Park and along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Festival Foods to conduct the Festival Foods Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 28, 2024 in downtown Eau Claire and along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Approving the final plat for Heritage Estates located on Olson Drive in the Town of Seymour (File P-2-24).

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.

BIG T’S SALOON

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Big T’s Saloon EC, LLC, d/b/a Big T’s Saloon, 2007 3rd Street, to include the expansion of an outdoor patio.

A motion was then offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to amend the resolution” to require the installation of a six-foot tall (at time of planting), dense evergreen vegetative screening wall to buffer the adjacent eastern residential use. Said strip shall be no less than ten-feet wide. Said motion passed unanimously.

Upon the motion previously offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann, the Council voted “to adopt the resolution as amended.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LICENSING

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chako EauClaire Inc, d/b/a Chako Korean BBQ and Hotpot, 4800 Golf Road Space 3010, Lisong Liu, agent. 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.

A motion was then offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Miller to table agenda items #18 through #21. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CITY COUNCIL SALARIES

The City Council considered a charter ordinance amending Section 2.04.010 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Reorganization -- Aldermanic districts -- Council salaries”, specifically paragraph C regarding City Council salaries. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intent to Negotiate Purchase Agreement with Somos Living, LLC. 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.

ELECTION DAY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the City of Eau Claire Election Day Emergency Preparedness Plan. 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.

PROMISSORY NOTES

The City Council considered a substitute resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$9,935,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a substitute resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$6,595,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024B. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Mboga left the meeting.

ZONING

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from R-3 to R-4 located at 2507 Sessions Street (Z-1746-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an ordinance to rezone properties from TR-1A to R-1, R-2P, R-3, and C-3 and to approve the general development plan for the project, and to approve the preliminary plat for a subdivision known as Orchard Hills located on the west side of Mischler Road, north of County Road II (Deerfield Road) (Z-1747-24). 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 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). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the ordinance.”

A motion was then made by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Serrano to “indefinitely postpone the ordinance.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Werthmann.

The City Council then voted on the motion “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion failed by unanimous vote.

EDI COMMISSION

The City Council considered 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. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Time: 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk