

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, October 22, 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, Jessica Schoen, and Clara Serrano. The following Council Members were absent: Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on October 22, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. Olaf Parish, Pastor Rev. James R. Kurzynski, 3220 Monroe Street, on November 1, 2024 and December 6, 2024, for the St. Olaf Men's Club Fish Fry event.
- Granting a six-month Class C Wine license to Eau Claire Curling, Inc., d/b/a Eau Claire Curling Club Inc., 5530 Fairview Drive, Robert Heacox, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to JoeB Liquor LLC, 301 East Clairemont Avenue, Bee Xiong, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chippewa Valley Museums, Executive Director Carrie Ronnander, 1204 East Half Moon Drive, on October 26, 2024 for the Carson Park 5 & 10 event.
- Approving the final plat for phase II of Prairie West, located on the north side of Prairie Lane, west of Juniper Street (File P-2-24).
- First reading of a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2025.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Brewster "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

QUARTERLY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Council Member Berge moved to table agenda item number eleven, relating to quarterly budget adjustments until after agenda item number fifteen. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MENOMONIE STREET TRAIL EASEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing permanent and temporary easements with Blugold Real Estate for the construction of the Menomonie Street Trail and the relocation of utilities. 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.

FREE PARATRANSIT RIDES

Council Member Berge moved to table agenda item number thirteen, relating to free paratransit rides until after agenda item number eleven (previously moved until after agenda item number fifteen). Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Council Member Miller joined the meeting.

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 II. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” 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. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution” with Riley Barnhardt removed from consideration for the Housing Opportunities Commission. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

QUARTERLY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing 2024 third quarter budget adjustments for the Adopted Operating Budget. 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.

FREE PARATRANSIT RIDES

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to accept a donation from Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope to sponsor free paratransit rides on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council Considered an ordinance rezoning a property located at 3053 McMillen Street from I-1 to R-1 and to adopt a request for a proposed amendment to the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan from Industrial to Low Density Housing. (Z-1748-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & LEAVES PLAN

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits & Leaves Plan.

PAY PLAN AND PRACTICES

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Pay Plan and Practices.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session to discuss the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 4:24 p.m.

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk