

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 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, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Kate Felton and Roderick Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on November 26, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class B Cabaret license to Covizza LLC, d/b/a Leona's, 406 Galloway Street, Jacob Paulsrud, agent.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Class C Wine license to Kin Thai Corporation, d/b/a Mueang Thai Restaurant, 2637 North Clairemont Avenue, Jenny Xiong, agent.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Confluence Council INC, d/b/a/ Pablo Center at the Confluence, 128 Graham Avenue, from Heidi DesJarlais to Jesse B. Hay be approved.
- Granting a Construction Demo Debris Hauler license to T&R Recycling LLC, d/b/a T&R Recycling LLC, 13744 County Hwy OO, Chippewa Falls, WI, 54729.
- Awarding contracts for Procurement No. 2024-52, Furnish Various Chemicals for Water and Wastewater Treatment.
- Amending EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan to make necessary references to CARES Act.

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 November 30, 2024 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Eau Claire.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELATION

The City Council considered a resolution canceling the City Council meetings scheduled for December 23 and 24, 2024. 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.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Professional Police Officer’s Association, Local 9. 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.

WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$16,395,208 Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto. 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.

WEM GRANT ACCEPTANCE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept grant monies from the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management (WEM) for the purchase of hazardous materials detection equipment. 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.

GERNERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

The City Council considered an ordinance amending the general development plan to reduce the required setback with a site plan for a commercial business located at 2832 Damon Street (Z-744-89 Amd). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.”

A motion was then offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to amend the resolution” by adding a fourth condition, ensuring the proposed coffee shop includes features to accommodate multi-modal access for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users – this includes installing appropriate bike racks, safe pedestrian pathways, and clearly visible signage indicating accessibility for these modes. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Mboga, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Miller.

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

TRUCK TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.48 entitled “Truck Traffic Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire limiting thru truck traffic on Sheridan Road. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET EXCAVATIONS & OPENINGS

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 13.10 entitled “Street Excavations and Openings” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire adjusting guarantee amount. 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.

DEFINITIONS

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 1.04 entitled “Definitions” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire adding to parking restrictions, June 19. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STOP INTERSECTIONS

The City Council considered an ordinance amending Table III “Stop Intersections” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire at various downtown intersections. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAY PLAN AMENDMENT / BENEFITS & LEAVES PLAN AMENDMENT

The City Council had the first reading on an ordinance amending s. 2.72.010 entitled “City of Eau Claire Pay Plan – Adopted,” specifically those parts thereof pertaining to Eau Claire Police Patrol, Local 9 employees.

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

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to suspend the rules” interfering with the immediate consideration of agenda items number 20 and 21, pertaining to the Pay Plan Amendment and the Benefits & Leaves Plan Amendment. Said motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the ordinance” amending s. 2.72.010 entitled “City of Eau Claire Pay

Plan – Adopted” specifically those parts thereof pertaining to Eau Claire Police Patrol, Local 9 employees. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance” amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits & Leaves Plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SHORT TERM RENTAL LICENSE

The City Council had the first reading on an ordinance amending the Municipal Code by creating Section 5.66 establishing a short term rental license requirement.

DEFINITIONS & ESTABLISHMENT OF USES

The City Council had the first reading on an ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the City of Eau Claire by amending sections 18.02.020 Definitions and 18.04.030 Establishment of Uses removing the requirement for a conditional use permit to operate Bed and Breakfast Houses, amending the definition of Bed and Breakfast, and creating a definition of Tourist Rooming Houses.

ZONING

The City Council had the first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from R-3P and C-3P to C-3 located at 6325 Scully Drive (Z-1749-24).

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session to discuss Microtransit in North Zone (where Routes 3, 4, and 3/4 serve), impacted route changes, and ARPA funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Time: 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk