

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Members Johnson, Mboga, and Werthmann joined the meeting.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on March 25, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license and Class B Cabaret license to Acoustic Café Eau Claire Inc, d/b/a Acoustic Café, 505 South Barstow Street #A, Bridgette Beck, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to St. Olaf Parish, Pastor, Rev. James R. Kurzynski, 3220 Monroe Street, on May 18, 2025, for the St. Olaf Fun Fest event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., President, Emilu Larson, on April 27, 2025, at the Stone's Throw parking lot, 9 South Barstow Street, for the Eau Claire Marathon event.
- Granting a petition and waiver for sidewalk construction at 2317 Tony Court, Parcel No. 15-3207.
- Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Eau Claire for bridge lighting.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Jazz, Inc. to conduct the Eau Claire Jazz Crawl on Friday, April 11, 2025 along Barstow Street.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon, LLC to conduct the Eau Claire Marathon on Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, 2025 in Carson Park, Phoenix Park, and along City streets, sidewalks, and trails.
- Authorizing Keprios Investments, LLC to conduct the Here We Grow Again Sale Event at Hobbs Ice Arena on May 2-4, 2025 and September 12-14, 2025.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-33, Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue Truck.

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 April as Hmong Heritage Month in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation recognizing April 7 through 13, 2025 as National Public Health Week.

## **APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees and formalizing the Business Improvement District (BID) appointment process. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Brewster.

## **SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT – GRIP’S CUSTOM SHOPS**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subdivision infrastructure agreement with Meadows at Otter Creek LLC for street and utility improvements within GRIP’s Custom Shops. 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.

## **USE AGREEMENT – HOBBS MUNICIPAL ICE CENTER**

The City Council considered a resolution approving a use agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Keprios Investments LLC, regarding use of Hobbs Municipal Ice Center. 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.

## **SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT - ECASD**

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Area School District regarding shared use of recreational facilities and equipment. 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.

## **FREE TRANSIT RIDES – ELECTION DAY**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to accept a monetary donation from Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope (JONAH) to sponsor free rides on Election Day, Tuesday, April 1, 2025. 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.

### **TREE POLICY UPDATES**

The City Council considered a resolution in support of updating the City of Eau Claire’s Tree Ordinance and exploring a City Commission to lead future policy recommendations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was made by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the resolution” by updating Item #3 under the *Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* clause to read as follows: “Develop an updated Approved Tree Species List referenced in Section 8.20.100 to promote the planting of diverse, climate-resilient, and ecologically beneficial tree species.” Said motion passed unanimously.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed unanimously.

### **PARKING RESTRICTIONS & TRAFFIC CONTROL**

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table III entitled “Stop Intersections” and Table VIII entitled “Parking Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire adjusting parking restrictions and incorporating additional stop sign traffic control. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ZONING**

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone properties from TR-1A to R-1 and R-2P located on Evergreen Terrace, west of S Lowes Creek Road (Z-1752-25). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Felton, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Schoen, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Mboga.

### **ANNEXATION**

The City Council Considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Seymour, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 25-1A. 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.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council President Berge announced that upon a motion duly made and carried, the City Council may go into closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation process of the City

Manager, an employee over whom the City Council exercises responsibility, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Mboga to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Time: 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge  
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma  
City Clerk