

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 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, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Jessica Schoen, and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Charlie Johnson and Clara Serrano.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on April 22, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Council Legislative Session; Thursday, April 10, 2025 Council Special Meeting; and Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Council Organizational Meeting.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Skogen's Foodliner Inc., d/b/a/ Festival Foods #2736, 2717 Birch St, from Zachary A. Meyer to Amanda M. Salwasser be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Skogen's Foodliner Inc., d/b/a/ Festival Foods, 3007 Mall Dr, from Amanda M. Salwasser to Zachary A. Meyer be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Expansion of the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Hangar 54 Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hangar 54, 3800 Starr Avenue, to include the Chalet, Presidents Club and Reserved seating, for the Chippewa Valley Air Show at the Airport on June 26, 28, and 29, 2025.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Wisconsin Bike Federation, Executive Director Kirsten Finn, on July 12, 2025, at Phoenix Park, 330 Riverfront Terrace, for the Ride Across Wisconsin event.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to EC Elbow Room LLC, d/b/a Elbow Room, 679 Wisconsin Street, Jon Mann, agent.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-01, Laboratory Equipment for Analysis of PFAS in Drinking Water.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-04, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-10, Street Improvements funded by City Wide Local Vehicle Registration Fee.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-36, City Wide Street Micro Surfacing.
- Authorizing Hive & Hollow to conduct the North Hill Spring Market on Saturday, May 17, 2025 on City streets and sidewalks.

- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Council – Boy Scouts of America to conduct the Chippewa Valley Air Show on Thursday, June 26, 2025 through Sunday, June 29, 2025.
- Authorizing Tangled Up in Hue to conduct the Artist Market on Saturdays from May 24 – October 11, 2025 in Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Eau Claire United Soccer Club to conduct the Eau Claire United Soccer Tournament on June 6-8, 2025 at the Eau Claire Soccer Park.
- Authorizing Volume One to conduct Food Truck Fridays one Friday of each month in May, June, July, August, and September 2025 along Riverfront Terrace.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon to conduct the f-EAU-rth of July 5K on Friday, July 4, 2025 along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Municipal Band to conduct the Eau Claire Municipal Band Summer Concert Series on Monday evenings from June 9 – July 28, 2025 at Owen Park.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Anderson “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 Friday, April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a certificate of recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of the Hmong Diaspora.

Council Member Johnson joined the meeting.

MEETING CANCELTION

The City Council considered a resolution canceling the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL

The City Council considered a resolution approving the site plan in a P-Public District for a cell tower facility and other improvements located at 5530 Fairview Drive in the City of Eau Claire (PZ-2501). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, and Schoen. Nay: Council Member Werthmann.

AGREEMENT – USE OF SOCCER PARK

The City Council considered a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire United Soccer for use of the Soccer Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by

Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.”
Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIGN DONATIONS

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a donation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) pedestrian crossing signs for installation on Whipple Street, 400 Feet South of Randall Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Otto “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a donation of two solar powered flashing stop signs for installation on London Road at the intersection of Damon Street/London Road. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A (Temporary One-Family Residential Non-Sewered) to C-3 (Community Commercial) along Old Town Hall Road (Z-1753-25). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATIONS

The City Council Considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 25-2A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 25-3A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Otto “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 25-4A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to table the ordinance” to the end of the Business Agenda. Council Member Werthmann withdrew his motion. Thereupon a motion by 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 annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 25-5A. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAY PLAN AND PRACTICES

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance amending the pay plan and practices of the City of Eau Claire.

RECYCLABLES & REFUSE COLLECTION

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8.32 of Title 8 entitled “Health and Safety” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for two Work Sessions to discuss the following:

- The authorization of a letter of support for Catholic Charities related to the Sojourner House.
- Preliminary review of 2025 Resident Survey results.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Time: 4:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk