

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 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, Charles Johnson, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Nate Otto, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on May 13, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2025-2027 licensing period.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to AVM Liquor Mart Inc, d/b/a Liquor Mart, 301 E Clairemont Ave, Vipul Patel, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Oil 5511 LLC, d/b/a BP 53, 5581 US Highway 93, Billie Kaiser, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license and Class B Cabaret license to Fuji Sushi House Inc d/b/a Fuji Steak House, 4864 Keystone Crossing, Yue Zhu Zheng, agent.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Chippewa Valley Technical College., d/b/a/ 620 West, 620 West Clairemont Ave, from Kevin P. Brown to Melissa Tok, be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Casa Vallarta LLC, d/b/a/ Casa Vallarta, 2426 Seymour Road, from Gabriela J. Medina to Jose Mendez Ayala, be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Bear Creek Grill Inc, d/b/a/ Grizzly's Wood Fired Grill & Steaks, 4890 Golf Road, from Mathew J. Cooney to Jennifer Horgen, be approved.
- 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 Jesse B. Hay to Monica J. Frederick, be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Redtail Enterprises Inc, d/b/a/ Northern Tap House, 5020 Keystone Crossing, from Jessica M. Prosek to Mathew J. Cooney, be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. James The Greater Parish, Father Tom Krieg, 2502 11th Street, on August 9 & 10, 2025, for the St. James Summerfest event.

- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of JAMI Development LLC, d/b/a/ Monks Bar & Grill, 3560 Oakwood Mall Drive, from Jacob H. Banks to Makenna Newcomb, be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Swami Bapa Hotels Inc, d/b/a/ Best Western Plus Conference Center, 3340 Mondovi Road, from Mehesh Patel to Ketul Patel, be approved.
- Granting a Refuse Company license and Recycling Company license to Brian Johnson, d/b/a Johnson Roll Off Service, 8434 149th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI, 54729.
- Stating a willingness to annex territory designated in an incorporation petition adopted by the Town of Washington.
- Authorizing an amendment to the parking use agreement between the City of Eau Claire and JAMF Software, LLC.
- Granting petition and waiver for sidewalk construction at 139 W. Truman Avenue, Parcel No. 15-0849.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-09, City Wide Milling & Asphalt Paving.
- Declaring May 21, 2025, as Welcome Back Bird Day in Eau Claire.
- Authorizing the Wisconsin Bike Federation to conduct the Ride Across Wisconsin on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Phoenix Park, on City streets, and trails.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Express to host ECX Events at the Carson Park Baseball Stadium on various dates throughout the summer.
- Authorizing Spirit Lutheran Church to conduct the Praise in the Park Worship Services on Sundays, May 25-August 31, 2025, at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Patriotic Council to conduct the Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 26, 2025, at Owen Park and along City streets.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Blues Society to conduct the Tuesday Night Blues Concert Series on Tuesdays, May 27-August 26, 2025, In Owen Park.
- Authorizing Volume One to conduct the Sounds Like Summer Concert Series on Thursdays in June, July, and August 2025 At Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing U.S. National Kubk Championship to conduct U.S. National Kubk Championship events on June 28 and July 10-13, 2025, at Eau Claire Soccer 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 Wednesday, May 21, 2025, as Welcome Back Bird Day in Eau Claire.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation declaring the week of May 18 – 24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate of appreciation recognizing Roderick Jones’ service on the City Council.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate of appreciation recognizing Kate Felton service on the City Council.

FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION INCENTIVE

The City Council considered a resolution in support of a Film and Television Production Incentive Program and the re-establishment of a Wisconsin Film Office. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Council Member Johnson left the chamber.

The City Council considered a resolution in support of Governor Tony Ever’s Proposal to invest \$480 million in early childhood education. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIGN DONATION

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a donation of two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) pedestrian crossing signs for installation near the intersection of State Street and Gilbert Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENT – LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a State Municipal Agreement for a Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) grant for the Birch Street, from Franklin Street to Bergen Avenue, 2025 street and utility project, as part of State LRIP Project 19485. 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.

PUBLIC ART APPLICATION

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Public Art Application for the Main Street Underpass. 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.

PROTECTING PELL GRANT AND WORKFORCE FUNDING

The City Council considered a resolution in support of protecting Pell grants and workforce funding for technical college students. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member

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

CONTRIBUTION AWARD TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The City Council considered a resolution for Contribution Award to Catholic Charities for summer operations of the Sojourner House. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAY PLAN PRACTICES

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending the pay plan and practices of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Miller, Otto, Reed, and Schoen. Nay: Council Members Mboga and Werthmann.

RECYCLABLES & REFUSE COLLECTION

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Chapter 8.32 of Title 8 entitled “Health and Safety” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

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

- The 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan.
- The timeline, details, and marketing of the new pilot MicroTransit project, in conjunction with the marketing and fare policy for the full Eau Claire Transit system.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Time: 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Eric J. Gilge
Deputy City Clerk