

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 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 Berge, Aaron Brewster, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Nate Otto, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Emily Anderson & Charles Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on June 24, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2025-2027 licensing period.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the 2025-2026 license year for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Marieke House of Gouda LLC, d/b/a House of Gouda, 4008 Commonwealth Ave #2, from Jackie Willi to Kayla L. Poppe be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the 2025-2026 license year for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of SBG Apple North IV LLC, d/b/a Applebee's Grill & Bar (Store #89043), 4745 Golf Road, from David A. Oestreich to Walter R. Salaverria be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair, Inc, President, Steven Erdman, 5530 Fairview Drive, between the dates of July 19, 2025 to July 27, 2025 from 8:00am to 11:30pm, for the Eau Claire County Fair event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Chippewa Valley Museum, President Melissa Peterson, 1204 East Drive, between June 26, 2025 to June 28, 2025, for the Speakeasy at Schlegelmilch event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to UWEC Alumni Association, President, Jacob Truby, at the Carson Park Pine Pavilion, for the date of October 4, 2025, for the UW-Eau Claire Homecoming event.
- Renewing Event Beverages LLC d/b/a Event Beverage LLC, 5775 20th Avenue, Bernt Gunderson, Agent, for the 2025-2026 license year for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license and Approving a Change to Its Alcohol Use agreement for Another One Year Term.

- Granting the renewal of the following licenses for the 2025-2026 licensing period:
 - Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-06, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-32, Design Services for a Regional Training Center.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement Nol 2025-39, Water Supply Evaluation & System Modeling.
- Authorizing the Center Ice Club Foundation to conduct the Four Aces Poker and Social Night Fundraiser on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Hobbs Ice Arena.
- Authorizing Fierce Freedom to conduct Eau Freedom Fun Run and Fest on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 in Carson Park.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “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 July as Parks and Recreation Month and encouraged everyone to recognize that parks and recreation services are essential to our quality of life, not only in July but throughout the year.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a Certificate of Recognition to Eau Claire County Administrator Kathryn Schauf, to thank her for her years of leadership and service and recognize the lasting impact of her work on Eau Claire County and the people who call it home.

BUSINESS AGENDA

CDBG & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City of Eau Claire’s Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2025-2029) for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion

passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Johnson joined the meeting.

2026-2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Reed “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan” for Fund 450 Parks & Recreation by adding \$25,000 annually for 2026-2029, for a Biodiversity Projects Fund. This will be accomplished by a reduction of \$25,000 annually, including years 2026 through 2029, in project 450-001: Parks & Rec. – The Half Moon Lake Endothall Treatment. Additionally, this amendment directs an increase to the operating budget in the remaining amount of \$75,000 for staff time related to tree plantings in boulevards and harvesting of weeds in Half Moon Lake. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to amend the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan” for Fund 450 Parks & Recreation by adding \$50,000 for 2026, and \$250,000 for 2027 for Owen Park Playground Equipment. This will be accomplished by a reduction of \$50,000 in 2026, and a reduction of \$250,000 in 2027 from the Owen Park Band Shell project. This amendment has a neutral impact on the overall capital budget. This amendment gives direction to staff to allocate \$250,000 from the 2025 CIP for reallocation to the Owen Park Band Shell during the Second Quarter Budget Amendments for 2025 – which will require later Council approval. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan” for Fund 495 RDA by adding \$1,000,000 for 2026, for RDA Affordable Housing Project. This will be accomplished by a reduction of \$1,000,000 in 2026, from the RDA Land Acquisition Project. This amendment has a neutral impact on the overall capital budget. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to amend the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan” for Fund 441 Transportation by adding \$25,000 for 2026, for program 441-011: Transportation – Boulevard Tree Replacement Program by increasing the transfer from 2026 Storm Water Operating. This amendment will increase the capital budget and operating budget for 2026. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with the amended 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ARTWORK DONATION

The City Council considered a resolution accepting an artwork donation of “Mischief” from Sculpture Tour Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County to transfer a utility easement. 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.

UPDATING THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S WORK PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving an update to the Sustainability Advisory Committee’s yearly workplan to review herbicide, pesticide, and fertilizer use on city owned public lands including parks. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon Council Member Schoen made a friendly amendment to Add Engineering to the Work Plan for this item under “Leader” in addition to Community Services. Said amendment was accepted. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FISCAL STABILITY

The City Council considered a resolution to accept a Report from the Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Fiscal Stability on the June 9, 2025 Committee meeting. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion duly made and carried, the City Council may go into closed session to conduct the three-month performance objectives check-in with 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 Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to go into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Upon completing the performance review, a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Miller “to go out of closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk