

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 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, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Nate Otto, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Member was absent: Charles Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on August 12, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 22, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2025-2027 licensing period.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Greater West Central Area Labor Council, President, Nicholas Webber, 2233 Birch Street, on September 1, 2025, for the Labor Day Celebration event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Temporary Class B Wine license to Chippewa Valley Museum, Executive Director, Carrie Ronnander, 1204 E Half Moon Drive, on August 22, 2025, for the Park It! Sip, Sustain, Savor event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., President, Emilu Larson, 131 S Barstow St Suite 202, on August 13, 2025, for A Grand Evening on the Bridge event.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Kwik Trip Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #1149, 210 Water Street Unit 1, from Ryan K. Sletten to Ethan W. Clary be approved.
- Granting a permanent encroachment to the property owner of 202 Gibson Street for an underground vault.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 on the Grand Avenue Bridge.
- Authorizing We Care Eau Claire to conduct the We Care Eau Claire Back to School event on Monday, August 18, 2025 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Chippewa Valley Museum to conduct the Park It! Sip, Savor, Sustain event on Friday, August 22, 2025 in Carson Park.
- Authorizing Oh Claire Improv to conduct the Comedy in the Park event on August 25, 2025 at Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing the UWEC Athletics Department to conduct Pre-Game Tailgate events for University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Football Games at Carson Park.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Express to conduct Blugold Football Wipfli Zone events for University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Football Games at Carson Park.

- Approving the condo plat for the Avanti Ridge Condominium located at 1917 Black Avenue (File P-3-25).

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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Council member Johnson joined the meeting.

2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing 2025 Budget Adjustments for the Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget (Because this item amends the budget, a 2/3 vote of elected members, or 8 affirmative votes, is required for adoption). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CARE OF VETERANS’ GRAVES

The City Council considered a resolution approving an annual invoice to Eau Claire County for Care of Veterans’ Graves. 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.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire Titles 17, 18, and 19 related to the Century Code Update. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance as amended.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen to “reconsider the amendment to change the zoning of the Randal Park neighborhood from NR to GR.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Berge, Johnson, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen. Nay: Brewster, Mboga, Serrano, Werthmann.

Thereupon the council reconsidered a motion that was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Serrano at the previous meeting “to amend the ordinance” by changing the zoning of a portion of the Randall Park Neighborhood from NR to GR. The northern boundary of the GR area will be Fulton St. and the southern boundary will be Niagara St. The eastern and western boundaries will be the Chippewa River and Half Moon Lake respectively. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Brewster, Mboga, Otto, Serrano, and Werthmann. Nay: Anderson, Berge, Johnson, Miller, Reed, and Schoen.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Brewster to “amend the ordinance” by converting all the GR zoning to NR. Council Member Werthmann withdrew the motion.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano to postpone voting on the ordinance. This motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Council Member Johnson “called the question.”
A vote was then taken “to adopt the ordinance” as amended. Said motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FILLMORE AVENUE AND NIMITZ STREET

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table III entitled “Stop Intersections” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to add all-way stop control at the intersection of Fillmore Avenue and Nimitz Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Reed “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

YIELD INTERSECTIONS

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table V entitled “Yield Intersections” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to add yield control at several intersections throughout the City that currently have no control at all. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL ON VINE STREET

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.24 of Title 10 entitled “Special Parking Restrictions” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to add an accessible parking stall at a business located on Vine Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire (Adoption of a Charter Ordinance requires a 2/3 vote of elected members, or 8 affirmative votes).

REZONING DORRET ROAD AND DARMEL STREET

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A & R-2P to R-2P located between Dorret Road and Darmel Street (Z-1755-25).

PARKING DURING SPECIFIED HOURS

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance to Amending Table IX entitled “Parking During Specified Hours” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include Paid Parking.

BICYCLE SPEED LIMITS

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance Amending Chapter 10.08 Entitled “Bicycles” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include Speed Limits.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session on the 2026 Operating Budget priorities and parameters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Time: 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Eric J. Gilge
Deputy City Clerk