

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 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, and Clara Serrano. The following Council Members were absent: Andrew Werthmann

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on August 26, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 12, 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 Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Skogen's Foodliner Inc., d/b/a Festival Foods #2736, 2717 Birch Street, from Amanda M. Salwasser to Cory D. Lindgren be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish., Pastor, Reverend Michael E. Klos, 448 N Dewey Street, on October 5, 2025, for the Autumn Social event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Regis Catholic Schools Inc., President, Rebecca Semling, 2100 Fenwick Avenue, on September 6, 2025, for the 42nd Annual Regis Picnic-in-the-Park event.
- Approving a subdivision review for Phase I of Prairie West, located on the north side of Prairie Lane, west of Juniper Street (File P-3-24).
- Approving a subdivision review for Phase II of Prairie West, located on the north side of Prairie Lane, west of Juniper Street (File P-7-24).
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Police Department to apply for a PSAP (Public Service Answering Point) grant from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Office of Emergency Communication.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-44, Design Services for Fire Station No. 2.
- Granting a new Lease Agreement with Halfmoon Holdings, LLC for property at 1305 Woodland Avenue.

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 August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day and call upon the people of Eau Claire to observe this day

by raising awareness of substance use disorder so that our community can better combat stigmatization, promote treatment, celebrate recovery, and strengthen our collective efforts to prevent overdose deaths.

BUSINESS AGENDA

EAU CLAIRE FALL FESTIVAL

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct Fall Festival on Saturday, September 13, 2025 in Downtown Eau Claire along city streets and sidewalks. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., President, Emilu Larson, 131 S Barstow Street Suite 202, on September 13, 2025, for the Eau Claire Fall Festival event. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. and Crane Club LLC d/b/a The Fire House for use of the portion of Gibson Street north of Graham Avenue and south of Barstow Street and to permit consumption of alcohol in the right of way. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. for use of the portion of Grand Avenue north of Barstow Street and south of Farwell Street and to permit consumption of alcohol in the right of way. 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.

PERMANENT GAS EASEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution granting three permanent gas easements to Northern States Power Company within Archery Park and other city properties, parcels included are 10-1167, 13-0221, and 13-0224. 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.

2025-2030 COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City of Eau Claire 2025-2030 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. 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.

CONCESSION STAND AT HOBBS ICE CENTER

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Youth Hockey Association regarding use of the concession stand at Hobbs Ice Center. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member

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

DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

The City Council considered a resolution approving the donation and installation of Little Free Libraries by the Upper Westside Neighborhood Association. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Reed “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FREE RIDES FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to accept a monetary donation from Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to sponsor free rides for Fall Festival on September 13, 2025. 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 Otto and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various boards, commissions and committees. Thereupon a motion was made by Council Member Miller to separate the BPAC nominations as a separate vote. There was no objection. Council Member Miller left the chamber. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the the BPAC nominations within resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Council Member Miller returned to the chamber. Thereupon a vote was taken “to adopt the remaining of the nominations in the resolution”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

The City Council considered a resolution adopting plans for League of Wisconsin Government Basics training pilot, including acceptance of updated Code of Conduct for members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. 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.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

REZONE DORRET ROAD AND DARMEL STREET

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

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council Considered a Charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Otto “to adopt the

ordinance”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to postpone consideration of the ordinance until the September 9, 2025 legislative session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING DURING SPECIFIED HOURS

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table IX entitled “Parking During Specified Hours” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include Paid Parking. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the ordinance.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Brewster to amend the ordinance up for consideration to change the enforcement time from twelve p.m. to ten p.m. to “one p.m. to ten p.m.”.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen to amend the amendment from ten p.m. “to eleven p.m.”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Berge, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen, Serrano. Nay: Brewster.

A vote was taken to amend the ordinance as amended to “one p.m. to eleven p.m.”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Berge, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen, Serrano. Nay: Brewster.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Johnson to amend the ordinance up for consideration to delete “Sundays” from the exceptions in Section 2 on Paid Parking for Tier 1 and Tier 2. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Serrano. Nay: Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller to amend the ordinance up for consideration to remove any streets from enforcement extending off Dewey St. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Berge, Johnson, Miller, Otto, Serrano. Nay: Anderson, Brewster, Mboga, Reed, Schoen.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Reed to amend the ordinance to give “the City Manager or their designee the authority to declare free parking days”. Said motion was withdrawn by Council Member Brewster.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the ordinance as amended”. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Mboga, Miller, Reed, Schoen, Serrano. Nay: Johnson, Otto.

BICYCLE SPEED LIMITS

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.08 Entitled “Bicycles” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include Speed Limits. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Otto “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen, Serrano. Nay: Berge, Brewster.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading of an ordinance to Amending the Voting Ward designation in Ordinance No. 7575.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session on the Transit Development Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Time: 6:37pm

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk