

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 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 October 14, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chippewa Valley Museum, Executive Director Carrie Ronnander, 1204 East Half Moon Drive, on October 25, 2025 for the Carson 5 & 10 event.
- Granting a Class A Intoxicating Liquor license to Hive and Hollow LLC, d/b/a Hive and Hollow, 224 North Dewey Street, Sarah Freeman, agent.
- Authorizing the Ski Sprites to host the Ski Sprites Haunted House on various dates from October 16 through November 1, 2025 and to close City streets for guest safety.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to host Downtown Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 25, 2025 along Barstow Street.
- Approving a Certified Survey Map for industrial development with right of way dedication located on the northwest corner of County Road T and County Line Road (File CSM-2-25).
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Engineering Department to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant monies for the purpose of performing a bike and pedestrian trail planning study.
- canceling the City Council Meeting Scheduled for December 22 & 23, 2025.
- Authorizing an updated sale of Lot 19, Sky Park, to FS Holdco, LLC.
- Authorizing the release of utility easement located at parcel, 16-0470-F.

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 October 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Eau Claire and call upon businesses, organizations, public institutions, and local governments to recognize and celebrate Indigenous peoples and cultivate strong relationships with Wisconsin Native Nations.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a recognition of Dennis Beale to honor and celebrate his extraordinary contributions as a leader, mentor, and advocate whose work continues to inspire and empower the young people of today and generations to come.

PUBLIC ART

The City Council considered a resolution Approving a Public Art Application for installation of public art on electrical boxes in Haymarket Plaza. 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.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The City Council considered a resolution Approving acceptance of a donated Eagle Scout project at the Mt. Simon disc golf course from Eagle Scout Porter Sparkes. 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.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The City Council considered a resolution Appointments and Reappointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions. 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.

RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Certified Survey Map for right of way dedication located on Lorch Avenue (File CSM-4-25). 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.

STATE MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a State Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project for adjustment of sanitary manhole covers on STH 93, 312 & USH 12 as part of State Project 7995-02-70/20/72. 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.

PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a permanent utility easement from HK Development, LLC between Lowe’s Creek County Park and Lorch Avenue. 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 accepting a permanent utility easement from The Woodspire, LLC between Lowe's Creek County Park and Lorch Avenue. 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.

AMENDMENT TO THE DEBT POLICY

The City Council considered a resolution approving an amendment to the Debt Policy for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller "to adopt the resolution." Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Otto "to amend the policy" by having a 3.5 percent debt limitation instead of the proposed change to 5 percent of equalized valuation debt limitation. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Brewster, Miller, Otto, Schoen. Nay: Berge, Johnson, Mboga, Reed, Serrano, Werthmann. A vote was then taken "to adopt the resolution" approving the Debt Policy. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SALE OF PROMISSORY NOTES

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the Sale of Approximately \$17,930,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,830,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes. 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.

REZONING

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A (LI) to LI-P located on the northwest corner of County Line Road and County Road T (Z-1759-25). 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.

The City Council Considered an ordinance rezone property from C-2P (NC-P) to R-3 (RM) located at the northeast corner of London Road and Damon Street (Z-1760-25). 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.

HAYMARKET PLAZA

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Chapter 9.76 Entitled “Parks—Public Grounds” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include Alcohol in Haymarket Plaza with a Signed Use Agreement.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session to discuss the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Time: 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk