

## **MINUTES**

### **EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 11, 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 Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Clara Serrano.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on November 11, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to Eau Claire Theatre Group LLC, d/b/a Micon Oakwood Mall, 4800 Golf Road #20, Daniel M. Olson, agent.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-60, LED Street Light Conversion
- Approving the final plat for Sherman Creek Landing located on Dorret Road (File P-4-25).
- Approving the final plat for Creekside located along Evergreen Terrace and S. Lowes Creek Road (File P-2-25).
- Approving an amendment to Environmental Consulting Services Project No. 2024-10.

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 November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraged all people to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

The City Council considered a resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Visit Eau Claire for Use of Room Tax From 2026-2028. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the 5-Year Public Transit Development Plan for the Transit Division of the Community Services Department. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subdivision infrastructure agreement with Black Creek Builders LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Sherman Creek Landing. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the subdivision infrastructure agreement” by granting a sidewalk deferral. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended subdivision infrastructure agreement. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subdivision infrastructure agreement with CDPG Developers LLC for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Creekside. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing assignment of a lease with Pristine Sun WI, LLC at Sky Park Landfill to Lakeshore Solar, Skypark Eau Claire, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ORDINANCES FOR ACTION**

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from UC-P Planned Development (previously CBD-P) to UC-P and to amend the general development plan located at 10 W Madison St (Z-1013-97 Amd). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Otto “to postpone the ordinance until the first City Council meeting in December.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BUDGET AGENDA**

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending section 3.40.020 entitled “Adoption of a Local Vehicle Registration Fee” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to amend the ordinance” by adding “Section 3: The registration fee shall return to \$24 after December 31, 2028, if not extended or modified prior to that date by ordinance.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Johnson, Miller, Otto, Schoen, Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Brewster, Mboga and Reed. A vote was then taken “to adopt the ordinance” as amended. Said motion

passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Brewster, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen, Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge, Johnson, and Mboga.

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2026. 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 adopting the following proposed budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026:

- General Fund
- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
- City-County Health Department

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.

The City Council considered a resolution 19.Resolution adopting the following proposed budgets for various agencies and utilities of the City of Eau Claire for the Fiscal Year 2026:

- a. Economic Development
- b. Community Enhancement
- c. Cemetery Maintenance
- d. Hazardous Materials Response
- e. Landfill Remediation
- f. K-9 Fund
- g. American Rescue Plan Act
- h. Community Development Block Grant
- i. Seven Mile Creek Landfill
- j. Home Grant
- k. Debt Service – General Fund
- l. TID #8 (Downtown Development Area)
- m. TID #9 (Gateway Northwest Business Park Overlay)
- n. TID #10 (Confluence Project)
- o. TID #11 (Downtown)
- p. TID #12 (Water Street)
- q. TID #13 (Cannery)
- r. TID #14 (Menomonie Street)
- s. TID #15 (Gateway Northwest)
- t. TID #16 (Shopko Plaza Development Area)
- u. TID #17 (The Sevens)
- v. Water Utility
- w. Sewer Utility
- x. Storm Water Utility
- y. Parking Fund
- z. Public Transit
- aa. Hobbs Municipal Ice Center
- bb. Fairfax Municipal Pool

- cc. Risk Management
- dd. Central Equipment
- ee. Redevelopment Authority

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann

and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to amend the 2026 Adopted Operating Budget document within the Parking Utility section” to include the following language:

- Better access control at the ramp to prevent payment avoidance and minimize non-parking uses like exhibition driving and other illegal behaviors.
- Continue to work with software vendor on citation module and evaluate opportunity to pursue registration renewal holds through the Wisconsin DMV for vehicles with paid fines.
- Maintain consistent collection of parking fees and fines through properly operating equipment, including License Plate Recognition (LPR) system and Parking Access Revenue Control (PARC) software.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with the amended 2026 Adopted Operating Budget document. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution levying special assessment charges and extending annual installments of the 2025 special assessments. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating the 2026 capital projects as identified in the 2026-2030 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Eau Claire. 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 issuance of bonds and authorizing an officer to declare official intent for federal income tax purposes. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2026 budgets for the Business Improvement Districts within the City of Eau Claire and authorization to levy special assessments:

- South Barstow Business Improvement District
- West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District
- Water Street Business Improvement District
- N. Barstow/Medical Business Improvement District

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution on authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. 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 an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Pay Plan and Practices. 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.

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits & Leaves Plan. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution establishing the 2025 tax levies collectible in 2026 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution levying tax rates for all taxable property in the 2025 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. 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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Time: 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge  
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner  
City Clerk