

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, and Clara Serrano. The following Council Members were absent: Charles Johnson, Nate Otto, and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on January 13, 2026:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2026 licensing
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses for the 2026 licensing year.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Apple Eau Claire, Inc., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar + IHOP, 4745 Golf Road, Walter Salaverria, agent.
- Preliminary resolution declaring the City's intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and sidewalk improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing scheduled for February 9, 2026, on the following streets:
 - Arthur Street, Boardwalk Street to Justin Lane (26-100);
 - Cameron Street, Bellinger Street to Mappa Street (26-101);
 - Forest Street, 125 Feet South of Sara Street to 1,000 Feet North of Sara Street (26-104);
 - Gray Street, S. Farwell Street to Doty Street (26-105);
 - Maple Street, Third Street to First Street (26-106);
 - Mappa Street, Madison Street to Cameron Street (26-107);
 - Sara Street, Forest Street to Hobart Street (26-109);
 - S. Dewey Street, Lake Street to Main Street (26-110).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson 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 Monday, January 19, 2026, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the city of Eau Claire and encouraged

everyone to join in recognizing this day by seeking out and engaging in service programs in honor of Dr. King's life and lasting legacy.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation designating January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the city of Eau Claire, and join Fierce Freedom in calling upon local businesses, civic organizations, educators, communities of faith, and families to recognize the role we all play in connecting the dots, strengthening our community, and preventing human trafficking —so that freedom and dignity may be restored to survivors and upheld for all.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution Approving the Operating Plan of the West Grand Business Improvement District (BID). 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.

Council Member Otto joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution granting excess land and a land sale of parcel 02-0390 located at 402 Graham Ave to 402 Graham 1st Floor LLC. 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 Miller and seconded by Council Member Reed “to amend the development agreement” Section 1 (f), strike a minimum of eight (8) dwelling units as a condominium project. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Miller and Schoen. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Mboga, Otto, Reed, Serrano. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to postpone” until the Public Hearing on January 26, 2026 & January 27, 2026, City Council meetings. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Mboga, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen and Serrano. Nay: Council Member Brewster.

The City Council considered a resolution establishing a new Voting Site for Election Ward 7. 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 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2026 Annual Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Report from Chair of the City Manager Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee and discussion of the City Manager evaluation timeline, process and contract. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Schoen to accept the report. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Mboga, Otto, Reed, Schoen and Serrano. Nay: Council Member Miller.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table XII entitled “Parking, Stopping and Standing Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to remove parking restrictions near North High School on Uranus Avenue in response to a petition received. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance amending Table VII entitled “Left Turns Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to restrict turning movements at several intersections in response to safety concerns and removing outdated intersection information. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Schoen and seconded by Council Member Reed “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the ordinance” by adding weekend days to signage operation. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Member Mboga and Miller. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Brewster, Otto, Reed, Schoen, and Serrano. A vote was then taken “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 two Work Sessions:

1. Update on activities related to housing and unhoused issues.
2. Strategic Planning Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Time: 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk