

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 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, Charles Johnson, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Ethan Reed, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Nate Otto & Jessica Schoen.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on January 27, 2026:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Combination Class C Wine license and Class B Cabaret license to Sweet Legacy Vintage Rentals., LLC d/b/a Legacy Coffee, 3027, 3029, 3031 N Hastings Way, Caleb Hurt, agent.
- Authorizing Longfellow Elementary School to conduct the Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Phoenix Park, and along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Environmental Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Eau Claire and Block by Block.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Indianhead Foodservice Distributor, Inc., for the acceptance of donated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) pedestrian signs currently installed on Galloway Street.

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 on behalf of the entire City Council and the residents of Eau Claire, do hereby recognize February 2026 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Eau Claire, and encourage all residents to learn about, reflect upon, and celebrate the lasting contributions of African Americans and the role that Black history commemorations have played in shaping a more complete and shared understanding of our nation’s story.

Council President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation declaring behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 4, 2026, as TRANSIT EQUITY DAY in the City of Eau Claire and urge all residents to honor the life and legacy of

Rosa Parks by continuing to support efforts that promote equitable access to transportation, strengthen community connections, and create conditions in which all people can thrive.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Indianhead Oil Co., LLC d/b/a Circle K #2746593, 4304 Jeffers Road, Mike Gust, agent. 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 Brewster and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to postpone” items 9, 10, 11 indefinitely. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Indianhead Oil Co., LLC d/b/a Circle K #2746597, 2109 Highland Ave, Mike Gust, agent. Postponed indefinitely.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Indianhead Oil Co., LLC d/b/a Circle K #2746600, 2920 Craig Rd, Mike Gust, agent. Postponed indefinitely.

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

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Miller “to table the item” until the end of the business agenda. Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to accept a monetary donation from Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope (JONAH) for free transit rides in honor of Transit Equity Day on February 4, 2026, and for marketing the event. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Reed “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the Vision, Community Values, and High-Level goals of the Strategic Plan. 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.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster to “take agenda item 13 from the table.” The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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. (Postponed from the 1/13/2026 Council Meeting). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded

by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the development agreement” as follows: Section 1 (f): “Residential Project” shall mean the Developer’s new multi-story residential building with a minimum of twenty-six (26) units as an apartment building of at least three (3) stories, or, as possible alternatives, thirty-six (36) units as an apartment building, in a building of at least four (4) stories, or a minimum of fifty-five (55) units as an apartment building, in a building of at least (5) stories with rooftop decks or balconies, or any combination of condominium and apartment units totaling a minimum of (26) units with mixed-material quality facades and construction methods, and sufficient on-site and adjacent parking to meet City code requirements. **Section 5. Development and Improvement of the Property.** The Property shall be utilized for construction of condominiums ~~either townhomes with attached garages atop a new parking structure,~~ or conventional multifamily housing featuring three, four, or five floors of rental housing, or a combination of condominium and apartment units, above one or two levels of a new parking structure, or whichever approach Developer determines best meets market need and demand. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended development agreement. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution to appoint members to the Ad Hoc Fiscal Stability Committee. Council Members Brewster, Serrano, Mboga, Berge, and Werthmann volunteered to be members. 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 final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on the following streets:

- County Line Road, 2800 Feet West of Jeffers Road to Jeffers Road (26-102);
- Dorret Road, South City Limits to Vine Street (26-103);
- Marquette Street, Riverview Drive to Starr Avenue (26-108);
- Woodland Avenue, Chauncey Street to Margaret Street (26-112).

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

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on the following streets:

- Marquette Street, Riverview Drive to Starr Avenue (26-108);
- Woodland Avenue, Chauncey Street to Margaret Street (26-112).

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.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Housing Opportunities Commission Workplan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Brewster Motion to postpone the February 24, 2026, Legislative Session.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council Considered an ordinance changing the name of “Red Delicious Way” to “Fuji Lane” within the Orchard Hills Development. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance Amending Title 15 Entitled “Sewers and Sewerage” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to Include New Definitions and Permit Terms Pursuant to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regulations and Other Administrative Updates. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Reed “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 on a Comprehensive Plan Update, Background & Council Input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Time: 5:15 pm

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk