

## **MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 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 Berge, Aaron Brewster, Charles Johnson, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Nate Otto, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Johnson, Otto, and Schoen.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on March 10, 2026:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Adopting the updated 2026 City of Eau Claire Election Day Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2026-10, City Wide Local Vehicle Registration Fee Street Improvements.
- Authorizing the City Manager to renew membership in Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin, Inc., by executing the MS4 permitted Municipal Agreement for Storm Water Education and Outreach Coordination by Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin, Inc.
- Approving a Certified Survey Map for City owned land with right of way dedication for alleyway located within city property on Mappa and Bellinger Streets.

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

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Council Member Otto joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Sustainability Advisory Committee’s 2026 Annual Work Plan. 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.

Council Member Johnson joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the City Manager to enter into a memo of understanding with Eau Claire Nationals, Inc and Eau Claire Fury, Ltd regarding a donated project to add lighting to the baseball and softball fields at Jeffers Park. 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.

Council Member Schoen joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Plank Hill Master Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution to support tax transparency in Public Education. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Schoen left the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting the Storm Water 2025 Annual Report. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnosn and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Council Member Schoen abstained

Council Member Schoen returned to the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair and installation of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 90 locations beginning with 616 E. Madison Street, Parcel No. 01-0077. 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.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Mappa Street, Madison Street to Cameron Street (26-107). (Postponed from the February 9 & 10, 2026, City Council meetings.) 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 ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on Mappa Street, Madison Street to Cameron Street (26-107). (Postponed from the February 9 & 10, 2026, City Council meetings.) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “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 Cypress Street, LLC for street and utility improvements within Cypress Street Townhomes. 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 approving a conventional rate case to increase the water utility rates by 20.04 percent within the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees & Licenses effective April 1, 2026. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Miller, Otto, Reed, Schoen, Serrano. Nay: Council Members Mboga and Werthmann.

The City Council considered a resolution declaring land within Village of Lake Hallie, parcel no. 22809-2611-0555000, excess land and authorizes transfer by quit claim to Village of Lake Hallie. 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 granting a permanent gas easement to Northern States Power Company within City of Eau Claire Trail Property located near Folsom Street within parcel 14-0468B. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary easement for ingress and egress to Border States Industries, Inc within City of Eau Claire detention pond property located on Music Way, parcel 16-1600D. 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.

Council Member Werthmann left the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a electric underground distribution easement to Northern States Power Company within City of Eau Claire detention pond properties located near Ashton Circle, parcels 14-2150, and 14-4205. 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.

Council Member Werthmann returned to the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting a permanent easement from Cypress Street, LLC within parcel 15-4565. 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 approving the process to fill a vacancy on the City Council. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Miller “to amend the resolution” to choose the appointment option. Said motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving Appointments and Reappointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions. 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 Berge and seconded by Council Member Mboga to reappoint Dave Strobel to the South Barstow Bid. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Member Otto. Abstained: Council Members Reed and Werthmann. Council Member Werthmann requested that the resolution be divided to separate the vote for Dave Strobel. A vote was then taken to appoint Dave Strobel to the South Barstow Bid. Said vote passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Brewster, Johnson, Mboga, Miller, Schoen, and Serrano. Nay: Council Member Otto. Abstained: Council Members Reed and Werthmann. A vote was then taken approving Appointments and Reappointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ORDINANCES FOR ACTION**

The City Council Considered an ordinance Amending Title 10.24 Vehicles and Traffic & Title 17.03 Land Development Ordinance for Heavy Vehicle Parking Weights & Conditional Uses in Residential Zones. (Postponement Required) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Miller to postpone this item until the Plan Commission votes on it or the 60-day time limit is reached. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 add parking restrictions near Robbins Elementary School on E. Hamilton Avenue and Hastings Way E. Frontage Road in response to concerns received about pedestrian and traffic safety. 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 Table VIII entitled “Parking Prohibited” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire to add parking restrictions on Davis Avenue and Summit Street for increased traffic safety. 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.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member Werthmann left the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and carried, the City Council may go into closed session to provide negotiation direction for competitive or bargaining reasons and confer with legal counsel concerning legal strategy, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e) and (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss next steps regarding Altoona’s payment delinquency under the Wastewater Service Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the City of Altoona following mediation. Thereupon a motion was offered by

Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Miller to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Brewster and seconded by Council Member Otto “that the Council return to open session.” Said motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 19:13

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge  
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner  
City Clerk