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The Eau Claire City Council met in closed session on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 to consider candidates for appointment to the position of Interim City Manager in light of current City Manager Dale Peters' upcoming retirement. After careful deliberation, the Eau Claire City Council has selected Mr. David A. Solberg to serve in the position of Interim City Manager.

Dave Solberg was hired as the City of Eau Claire's Engineering Director on December 16, 2013. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from UW-Platteville and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin. Dave worked for 19 years with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) prior to joining the City. He has led teams who received three national awards for projects while employed with the Wisconsin DOT and the City of Eau Claire, and is a member of the International City/County Management Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Public Works Association, and the Eau Claire Public Arts Council. Mr. Solberg has a strong history of working closely with many Eau Claire neighborhood associations to address important community opportunities and concerns.

Dave has served as Acting Community Services Director twice during his tenure with the City of Eau Claire, most recently after the retirement of Jeff Pippenger on July 6, 2020. With this appointment, Mr. Solberg will be the second Engineering Director appointed to the position of Interim City Manager, following the appointment of Brian Amundson to the position back in 2005 and again in 2011. This appointment will formally be taken up and acted upon by the City Council at its next legislative session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Mr. Peters' last day with the City of Eau Claire will be Wednesday, October 21. Mr. Solberg will take over at 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2020 as Interim City Manager and serve until such time as a new City Manager is in place; the City Council hopes to have a new City Manager in place shortly after the first of the year.