

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to order:** *by Mayor Duggan at 6:00 p.m.*

2. **Roll call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	City Administrator, Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	P	City Treasurer, Julie Roberts
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	City Clerk, Leah Hurtley
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Attorney, Mark Kopp
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	Evansville Today, Bill Lathrop
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Julie Hermanson
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Sarah Krause
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	Laurie Burgos, ECSD District Administrator
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Dana Basch, Citizen
		Elliot Samuel-Camm, Non Resident
		Donnetta Foxx, Citizen
		Sarah Tachon, Non Resident
		Other members of the community
		Allen Rauth, TDS Telecommunications
		Kelly Gildner, The Evansville Review

3. **Motion to approve the agenda, Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried 8-0.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 8, 2022 regular meeting and approve as presented, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Brooks made note of a grammatical error in F2 utilizes to be replaced with “utilities”. Morrison made note of D2 were “where” and eon to concurred. Motion carried 8-0.**
5. Civility reminder
6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.

A. Presentations:

- 1) **Building Better Neighbors Community Group**, Laurie Burgos, District Administrator ECSD – *Laurie passed out handout to council for history of the group. They do training in the school for this. Do something together with Martin Luther King Jr. day. Julie Hermanson, Sara Tachon & others gave examples of happenings in the city. Neeley wondered if Youth Center could work with this group. Council thanked them for bringing information to council. Brooks asked for an electronic copy of the proclamation for spread goodness day.*
- 2) **TDS Telecommunications**, Allen Rauth, Manager, Business Development – *TDS project starting in Evansville to provide a new TV, Internet and Phone. Evansville fits the needs for growth and competition. Rauth is seeking partnership and collaboration with the city as they will be in front/back yards and will need right of way permits and solicitation licenses. Neeley questioned who will be doing the locates. Rauth mentioned this could be something TDS could assist with. Ladick would like to meet with Rauth to discuss possible future collaborations in regards to Westside park*

- B. Oath of Office:
- 1) Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
 - 2) Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
7. Reports of Committees
- A. **Library Board Report.** Megan read her written report covering the following updates:
 - We have an EFPL t-shirt on its way to the South Pole for a photo op with scientists. This will be part of a program we are holding this spring.
 - Over winter break we will be offering a Perler Makerspace program and a Virtual Reality program; we received an Oculus 2 headset by participating in a fellowship program.
 - B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Lewis reported discussing ongoing concerns with the geese population. Neeley suggested looking into faux swans as geese are terrified of swans. Other discussions included future projects ideas for the bike/walking trails including benches, lights, and animal waste bags.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report** - Did not meet.
 - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
 - 1) *Motion to accept the November 2022 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,611,001.91, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.*
 - 2) *Motion to approve the Engagement of Services with Johnson Block CPAs for the City's 2022 Audit, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Corridon asked if this was a standard annual audit. Brooks confirmed it is.*
 - 3) *Motion to approve the 2023-2025 Police Union Contract, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.*
 - E. **Public Safety Committee Report.** - Did not meet.
 - F. **Municipal Services Report.** – Brooks reported discussions included the newly installed ice rink at Countyside Park with little cost to the city other than purchasing the liner. Evansville Water & Light sent delinquent utility bills totaling \$27,500.00 to property owners to be levied onto property taxes and 10 accounts were outside city limits and could not be levied as they live in the town of Union. Brooks gave status on AMI meters, and community fund efforts. Corridon publically thanked the Municipal Service committee for the donation made to the Youth Center.
 - G. **Economic Development Committee.** – *Brooks reported it was a good meeting. The City signed up with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to be a part of the Community Connections program allowing access to state resources and training*
 - H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** - Did not meet.
 - I. **Historic Preservation Commission.** – *new houses started a few remodels, 103-104 S. Madison the commission took 103 S Madison off the table. The homeowner was supposed to talk to us to replace windows and didn't and also didn't go to court may need to fine him.*
 - J. **Fire District Report.** – *Got candy!!*
 - K. **Police Commission Report.** - *Did not meet.*
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report.** – *Will meet in February at the school.*
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report.** - *Did not meet.*
8. Unfinished Business **none**

9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator
 - A. Ehlers Public Finance Seminar February 16 and 17, 2023.
10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor
 - A. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Becky Hildebrandt, 522 Gold Coast Lane, Evansville, WI 53536, to the vacancy of a five-year term, ending 2027 to the Housing Authority.
 - B. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Abbey Barnes, 228 W Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, to the vacancy of a three-year term, ending 2025 to the Plan Commission.
 - C. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Pat Carr, 224 Church Street, Evansville, WI 53536, to the vacancy of a three-year term, ending 2024 to the Economic Development Committee.
 - D. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Gabriel ‘Gabe’ Schrader, 428 S 7th Street, Evansville, WI 53536, to the vacancy of a three-year term, ending 2025 to the Economic Development Committee.
 - E. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Abraham Rodriguez, 461 W Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, to Greg Vossekuil’s unexpired three-year term, ending 2025 to the Youth Center Committee.
 - F. Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Aimee Stano, 119 Grove Street, Evansville, WI 53536, to the vacancy of a two-year term, ending 2024 to the Historic Preservation Committee.

Brooks made a motion to combine items 10A-10F into one vote, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried 8-0.

Cory Neeley would like consideration for the City to look into a communication survey, seeking information on how residents gain information regarding city activities, and if updates to the city’s website are needed. Neeley said council asked for circulation number from the local paper of record, stated council never received this information. Mayor Duggan confirmed that she received the information, which was published in the weekly edition. Neeley suggested using the same methodology as the park survey, that expires in February.

11. New Business
12. Introduction of New Ordinances
 - A. **First reading of Ordinance #2023-1 An Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Residential District 1 (R-1) to Residential District 2 (R-2) (On Parcel 6-27-559.5051), was read by Brooks.**
 - B. **First reading of Ordinance #2023-2 An Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Local Business District (B-1) to Community Business District (B-3) (On Parcel 6-27-589) , was read by Brooks.**
13. Upcoming Meeting Reminder:
 - A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday January 10th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
14. Closed Session: Motion that Common Council convenes in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin statutes where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position and pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other

specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, at 7:14pm by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.

15. *Adjourn.*

Leah Hurtley, City Clerk