

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Brooks called meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Chair James Brooks	P	Com. Dev. Director Colette Spranger
Ben Ladick, Vice Chair	A	Shawn Dunphy, Chamber of Commerce
Jon Alling	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Pat Carr	P	
Gabe Schrader	A	

3. **Motion to Approve Agenda by Brooks, second by Alling.** Acknowledgement to add back in monthly reports from Tourism, the Chamber, and Community Development. ***Passed unanimously.***

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meetings and approve them as printed by Ladick, second by Brooks.** Motion adjusted to remove August 30<sup>th</sup> reference as minutes were not available. ***Passed unanimously.***

5. **Civility Reminder.** Brooks stated the committee of the City's commitments to civil discourse.

6. **Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items.** None.

7. **New Business**

**A. Discussion and possible motion to approve changes to Building Improvement Grant criteria, funding amount, and application.**

Discussion regarding increasing the amount of funding given, expanding the scope of the grant to broadly apply to any property improvement, within reason, and developed a rubric or scoring mechanism to rank projects. Awards will be given out twice a year in order to streamline review and create competition. Final approval on the application changes will be taken to Common Council. **Motion to recommend changes to Building Improvement Grant to Common Council by Ladick, second by Rutz.** ***Passed unanimously.***

8. **Monthly Reports.** Spranger, Dunphy, and Berg gave oral updates regarding their respective positions.

9. **Discussion**

**A. Business Summit Work Session**

- 1) Flyer Distribution
- 2) Invited Speakers

Work continued on the October 13<sup>th</sup> Business summit, with the committee giving input and setting up tasks to be completed in the interim. Future meeting dates to continue work were discussed but not scheduled.

**10. Next Meeting Dates:**

- A. Regular Meeting: Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm.

**11. Motion to Adjourn by Alling, second by Rutz. Passed unanimously.**