

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Evansville WI 53536  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Vacant		Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Bronna Lehmann, Librarian
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Brian Berquist, Town & Country Engineer
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Patrick Reese, Chief of Police
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Christopher Jones, Lieutenant of Police
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Rob Hostrawser, CEO/President of Eldon Homes
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	John Brandon, Citizen

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the February 27, 2025 Special Meeting and Approve as Presented by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**

Corridon requested to have a sentence struck from 10A on February 11, 2025 minutes.

5. **Civility Reminder:** Duggan noted the City's commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.

6. **Citizen Appearances** (Public comments on items on the agenda not requiring a public hearing and on matters which can be affected by Council action.)

A. **John Brandon:** Brandon expressed concerns about the events that occurred during the Almeron/Walker Streets Project.

***Duggan moved Agenda items 10A, 10B, 10C & 10F prior to Reports of the Committees.***

7. **Reports of Committees:**

A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from a written report: General Updates: In 2024 at the Eager Free Public Library: 3,141 area residents have library cards. They checked out 47,646 physical items and used e-materials 16,415 times. 6,074 children, teens, and adults attended 240 library programs and outreach events. A consultant hired by Prairie Lakes Library System will be working with us to do a website update. Approved roofing, masonry, and HVAC work will be done as the weather warms. Donations to a new library endowment fund will be tripled up to \$3750 thanks to the generosity of the Schlecht Family Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Program Updates: The Friends of the Library are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with an Open House on Saturday, March 22. Activities will include a 10am performance for children by David Landau and an 11am talk on library history by Ruth Ann Montgomery. Author and Evansville native Mike McCabe will be discussing his novel *Miracle Along County Q* on April 10 at 6pm as part of our National

Library Week events. We participated in Family Literacy Night on March 6 at Levi Leonard Elementary School. Our spring and summer events can be found on our website calendar.

- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Sergeant explained that there is a resolution that will cover discussed items at the last meeting.

C. **Plan Commission Report:**

- 1) *Motion to approve a certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-533.501 into two lots for a two-family twin residence addressed at 517 and 519 South Seventh Street finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:*
  - i) *The final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.*
  - ii) *The applicant records a joint cross access and maintenance agreement for each of the new lots made by CSM.*

*Motion by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 6-0, with Geoffrion recused.*

- 2) *Motion to approve a certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-533.503 into two lots for a two-family twin residence addressed at 533 and 537 South Seventh Street finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:*
  - i) *The final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.*
  - ii) *The applicant records a joint cross access and maintenance agreement for each of the new lots made by CSM.*

*Motion by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 6-0, with Geoffrion recused.*

- D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Barnes shared the items that were discussed and reviewed at the meeting.

- 1) *Motion to Accept the February 2025 City bills in the amount of \$7,607,555.54 by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*
- 2) *Motion to Approve the Police Chief Employment Agreement between the City of Evansville and Christopher Jones by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*
- 3) *Motion to Approve the Award of Contract to Rock Road Companies, Inc. for 2025 Street and Utility Improvements by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-1, with Droster opposed.*

Droster brought up concerns about Rock Road Companies due to previous OSHA violations and dust concerns from the Almeron Street project. Berquist explained that the individual that was the Foreman on the project when OSHA showed up was promoted to Officer of Safety to focus just on the Safety moving forward. Corridon also mentioned that Town & Country will have someone onsite that can help with any concerns that come up.

- 4) *Motion to Approve the Award of Contract to Poblocki Paving Corporation 2025 Porter Road Utility, Street and Path Improvements by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*
- 5) *Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-03 Amending the 2025 Budget by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*

It was explained that the money came from selling some Public Works items and will be used to purchase items to help address the field conditions at Larson Acres Park.

6) **Motion to Approve the Asplundh Construction Multi-Year Overhead Electric Facility Installation Unit Pricing Contract by Brooks, seconded by Corridon.**

Brooks mentioned that this was the item that was discussed in the Municipal Services Committee meeting. Sergeant mentioned that there is a contract for underground work as well.

**Motion to Amend to include both contracts for overhead and underground by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion to Approve the Asplundh Construction Multi-Year Overhead and Underground Electric Facility Installation Unit Pricing Contract by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart shared that there was an Operator License was a Non-Recommend from the Police Department, that remained a non-recommend due to the lack of attendance from the applicant. There was also some discussion on the increase of EMS calls, a welcome to Lieutenant Jones with a sendoff for Chief Reese.
  - F. **Municipal Services Report:** Brooks explained that all of the items from Finance and Labor wrap up the items of discussion from the meeting.
  - G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Brooks summarized the “Town Hall” event that occurred in January and set up meeting dates for the rest of the year to get into businesses of the City. Brooks added that the meeting next week will have a representative from Pocan’s office.
  - H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet.
  - I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Lewis shared that the items of discussion included basement windows for 21 Montgomery Court, and a roof for 16 E Main so that they can seal up and address the subpar conditions at 16/18 E Main apartments. 129 W Liberty will be replacing windows and 33 S Third will be replacing the garage doors.
  - J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared that the new Fire Engine is ready. There was a large amount of volunteer hours on top of the calls to help get the engine ready and here to Evansville.
  - K. **Police Commission Report:** Did Not Meet.
  - L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Did Not Meet.
  - M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Sergeant reported Committee met to approve a variance for Kwik Trip.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant welcomed Lieutenant Jones and thanked Chief Reese for the service given to the City of Evansville. With the latest hire, there are now 2 Apprentices with the 3 Lineworkers. Sergeant shared experiences at the 3 Conferences that were recently attended. Sergeant also gave Council a report of the conversations that had been had with John Brandon about options that are not currently available. There was discussion about vandalism in the park bathrooms.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**
- A. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-01, Spread Goodness Day:** Read by Brooks
  - B. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-02, National Library Week 2025:** Read by Brooks
  - C. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-03, Honoring the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Friends of the Library Group:** Ready by Brooks

- D. *Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-04, Creating an ad hoc 2025 Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan (PORP) Subcommittee by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.*

Sergeant shared that it is time to update the Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan that was last done in 2020. This Plan is required to qualify for State grants and is a good way to check in with the Community.

- E. *Motion to Approve Jason Sergeant, City Administrator, Colette Spranger Community Development Director, Lyman Fuson Park Board Member, Paul Liesse Economic Development Committee Member and Bill Lathrop Plan Commission Member to the 2025 Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan (PORP) Subcommittee by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*
- F. *Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-05, Commending Police Chief Patrick J Elliot Reese for Service to the City of Evansville by Brooks.* Brooks read Resolution 2025-05.

**11. New Business.**

- A. *Motion to Approve the Assignment Agreement for Settler's Grove Sub-division from Grove Partners, LLC to Eldon Land Development, LLC by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*

Sergeant explained that this will transfer everything from Party A to Party B and no one will be left holding anything. Rob Hostrawser, Eldon Homes, was in attendance and gave introduction of the company and hopes that Eldon Homes will continue to help grow the community of Evansville.

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances.**

- A. *Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2024-12, Rezoning Territory to B-3 Community Business District and C-1 Lowland Conservancy District by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.*
- B. *Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-01, Rezoning Lands within Settler's Grove Subdivision by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.*
- C. *Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-02, Rezoning 3 Parcels Associated with Annexation Ordinance 2024-13 by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.*

**13. Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**14. Council Member Email Assistance from Computer Know How**

**15. Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.