

City of Evansville
Finance and Labor Relations Committee
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St,
Evansville, WI 53536
Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Aldersperson Abbey Barnes	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson Ben Corridon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson Bill Lathrop	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk Melanie Bolden, Executive Assistant Dianne Duggan, Mayor

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the Minutes of the February 4th, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve them as printed by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

5. **Civility Reminder:** Barnes issued a reminder that all City business is held with civility and decorum.

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **Motion to Accept the February 2026 City Bills in the amount of \$3,331,992.54 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

Items of discussion included tax settlements, IT services for Microsoft, pier purchase for Lake Leota, Lift Station 5 repairs, and PSC charges.

8. **New Business**

A. **Motion to Recommend Wind Turbine Annual Maintenance and Service Agreement, Option B with All Energy Management by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

There was discussion about the life expectancy of the Wind Turbine and the cost of the maintenance.

B. **Motion to Recommend Farmland Rental Agreement with S & K Ag Corp by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

C. **Motion to Recommend Daupler Response Management System Contract ending February 10, 2029 by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

Kriebs shared that this is a new 3-year contract, replacing the 1-year contract last year.

D. **Motion to Recommend Revised State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-LET Highway Project by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

Sergeant explained the Madison Street Project slated for 2028-2029 will replace everything on Madison end to end within the City. The City's cost will be minor compared to the entirety of the project.

E. **Discussion on one of the following to promote Victor Gensini's visit on Earth Day**

(April 24th): a stipend or direction of "In-Kind" ways for the City to be a Sponsor.

Barnes explained that this could be an item that goes to Municipal Services Committee to use LVU funds from WPPI.

F. Discussion and Possible Motion to Authorize Staff to Engage Recruitment Services for City Treasurer with: Robert Half by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.

Sergeant shared that they had interviewed 3 candidates in the last week but wanted more direction of which way to go. There are 2 consulting firms that are assured that they can offer candidates in days. Robert Half focuses on private sector and charges 25% of the first-year salary for hired candidate. Innovative Public Advisory focuses on the public sector and has fixed cost of under \$10,000. Lathrop shared that Robert Half has a focus on Finance and that is the direction that would best benefit the City.

G. CIP Distribution and Possible Discussion: Sergeant shared there are unknowns in planning process for electric plans for the next five years and the cost of a public works building with either repairs or replacement. Staff will be reviewing roads for possible projects in the next 60 days, and the architect should have a rough cost of a building in the next 30 days. There is also a plan to ask Pocan and Baldwin offices for congressional allocations towards a public works building.

H. Motion to Recommend to Common Council Contract with Destree Design Architects Design Services for Evansville Camp Store Windows/Doors/Toilet Room by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion occurred whether an architect would be needed for the project. The benefit of using Destree would be that they would also go out to bid for the project as well as manage the project. The project also must go through Wisconsin historical review. This will get the building ready for the next phase and use.

9. Old Business: None

10. City Administrator/Finance Director Report: Sergeant shared the process for applying for the congressional allocations is a lengthy process and could take up to 2 years. Overall, it could be beneficial with the amount of funding that could be gained.

A. Creekside Updates: Sergeant shared there was discussion with Nikki from Creekside that there could be less funding assistance next year. Sergeant feels that Staff needs to sit down with Creekside to work out a rough revised agreement to move forward.

11. Next Meeting Dates:

A. 2026 Meetings, held the Wednesday before Council at 3:00 p.m.: April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

12. Adjourn: Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.