

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurtley at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**-Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderperson Jim Brooks, Dianne Duggan, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, Erica Stuart, Ben Ladick and Susan Becker. Others present: City Administrator Jason Sergeant, City Clerk Darnisha Haley, City Treasurer Julie Roberts, Police Chief Patrick Reese, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, Library Director Megan Kloeckner and City Attorney Mark Kopp, Jim Radford from Baker Street, and members of the general public.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve the agenda after changes to the next meeting date. Motion passed 7-0
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, Seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of July 13th 2021 meetings and approve with a change to the Parks and Recreation Board report from Stuart reported to Morrison reported. Motion passed 7-0.
5. **Civility reminder**-Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed**-None
7. **Reports of Committees**
 - A. **Library Board Report**-Kloeckner read the Library Report as follows:
General Updates
 - 345 take home kits were picked up in July.
 - This is the last week of take-home kits for the summer and all reading logs need to be turned in by Saturday, August 14.
 - David Landau will be performing on Wednesday, August 18 at 10:00 AM on the library's front lawn.
 - We will continue to require registration for youth programs in September in order to practice social distancing during the events.
 - Study Rooms are available again (2 hours).
 - They were used 11 times in June 5 times and 5 times in July.
 - We are starting to see people come back and use them on a regular basis again
 - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report**-Becker reported there were a couple of seniors doing a senior project to raise food and money for the opening of the Youth Center for snack. The interior of the youth center had two new murals painted by student artists and some touch up paint by a board member. The new carpeting will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Becker also reported that the youth center will not be opening for this school year due to staffing concerns. Due to the Youth Center not opening this year the donations previously received were donated to AWARE.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report**-Hurtley reported the committee approved a Site Plan application for 65 N Union St.
 - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Brooks to accept the July 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,006,289.96. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 2) 2020 audit review with Johnson Block-Roberts reported that the report card for the audit can back satisfactory, the rating remained the same from previous years.
 - 3) 2nd quarter Treasurers Report-Roberts reported this is a 6 month snapshot as to where the City is right now.
 - 4) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution #2021-20 amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule – Cemetery. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 5) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the contract for maintenance assessment services with Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. for 2022 to 2026. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 6) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve a feasibility study with Baker Street Consultants for park/aquatic center/splash pad project donations in the amount of \$19,500. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 7) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve temporary wage increase for the City Administrator, Treasurer/Utility Accountant, Building Inspector and Community Development Office Assistant for a period of 90 days to cover the fact that we do not have an economic Development Director. The covered budgeted amount is \$14,946.95. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. Public Safety Committee Report-**Duggan reported the Committee approved 5 Operator license for individuals. Coffee with a cop is going well and National Night out planned was going successful but fell through due to the weather. EMS chief is working on getting quotes to widen the garage doors. Duggan also reported that the Police Chief is looking for grant funding to replace the Kevlar body armor that is near expiration.
- F. Municipal Services Report-**Brooks reported the Committee had a discussion on the Cemetery fee schedule which was acted on in tonight's meeting as well as a few operational questions. The annual meeting for WPPI is in September Brooks & Morrison would like to attend this meeting. October 10th in Sun Prairie will be the first WPPI orientation since COVID. Brooks also reported that September 23rd will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the solar facility in Point Beach near Two Rivers.
- G. Economic Development Committee-**Brooks reported the committee discussed the possibility of railroad service to the 12 acre plot on the east side.
- H. Parks and Recreation Board Report-**Morrison reported City staff tended to the cracks in the skate park and secured some of the equipment. Repair on the creek walls at the second duck house continues and the Dog Park is now open. Morrison also reported the pool has been opened and there were 200 passes sold for this season, 100 people interested in swim lessons, 10 new lifeguards, 6 park store staff. The Adopt a Park program is still under consideration. Sergeant reported the pool may be open through Labor Day weekend depending on staffing.
- I. Historic Preservation Commission-**Lewis reported the following:
- 1) 116 S Second- Application for an addition and a deck was approved
 - 2) 116 Grove-Application for windows- This application is pending inspection of the current windows to determine if they need to be repaired or replaced.
 - 3) 303 W Main- Shed application in the back yard was approved

- 4) Leonard-Leota Park Creek wall-Approved cement walls with mitigation consisting of upgrade/stabilization of warming house, bath house and park store.
 - 5) 15 Antes Dr-Paving application approved
 - 6) 21 Garfield-Rear door replacement application approved
 - 7) 227 W Church-Side porch modifications approved
- J. **Fire District Report**-Brooks reported 2 firefighters have completed probation and are now full fledged firefighters. We have 2 firefighters enrolled in pumper class at Blackhawk; the States now requires a separate certification for a pump operators.
- K. **Police Commission Report**-Did not meet
- L. **Energy Independence Team Report**-Brooks explained the benefits, advantages and goals of the Carbon Neutrality Plan 2050.
- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution #2021-21 City Carbon neutrality Plan 2050. Motion passed 7-0
- M. **Board of Appeals Report**-Did not meet
8. **Unfinished Business**-Discussion on how future meeting will be held going forward.
 9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**-Sergeant reported updates on the audio visual system in the council chambers. Sergeant and other staff met with MSA to discuss project timeline and public outreach. MSA will be providing monthly updates on how the project is progressing. Sergeant continues to meet with city staff on a individual bases.
 - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to accept a proposal for Economic Development Services. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**
 - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Eric Klar for a three-year term to the Plan Commission. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 11. **New Business**-None
 12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**-None
 13. **Meeting Reminder**
 - A. Regular meeting September 14th, 2021 6:00 p.m.
 14. **Adjourn**-Becker made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

The minutes are not official until approved by the Common Council at the next regular meeting.