

**City of Evansville Common Council  
Organizational Meeting  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

*The Oral Oath of Office to District #1 Alderperson Abbey Barnes, District #2 Alderperson Jim Brooks, District #3 Alderperson Gene Lewis, and District #4 Alderperson Ben Corridon was administered before the Call to Order at 5:56 p.m. by City Clerk Leah Hurlley.*

1. **Call to order. Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll call of new Council-**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Alderperson, Abbey Barnes	P	City Administrator, Jason Sergeant
Alderperson, Jim Brooks	P	Deputy Clerk, Leah Hurlley
Mayor, Ben Corridon	P	The Evansville Review, Kelly Gildner
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Other members of the general public
Alderperson, Ben Ladick	P	
Alderperson, Gene Lewis	P	
Alderperson, Joy Morrison	P	
Alderperson, Cory Neeley	P	
Alderperson, Erika Stuart	A	

3. **Approval of the Agenda. Brooks made a *motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Corridon. Motion carried 7-0.***
4. **Nomination and Election of Council President. Corridon *nominated Brooks as Common Council President, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried by Roll Call 7-0.***
5. **Appointment of Official City Newspaper**
  - A. **Discussion and Review of Fees** Sergeant stated that he had Hurlley start the research process by sending out information requests to all of the newspapers in the County to verify the rates, total circulation, circulation for Evansville zip code, and any additional services that are offered. The Gazette and The Evansville Review were the only newspapers that had responded. Corridon asked if there were any comparisons, as the numbers for the Gazette looked less straight forward than the Evansville Review. Sergeant explained that since 2001, we have been paying a straight amount per month to The Evansville Review. It had started around \$400-\$600 per month, and has gone up from there. There was a comparison done with what we ran last year and estimated that the same items would have been roughly \$7000 in The Janesville Gazette. The cost being \$900 per month would be \$10,800 for the upcoming year in The Evansville Review. In addition, there would be \$2,000-\$3,000 for additional costs for the miscellaneous items that get published

though out the year, such as ads for baseball and utilities. Morrison inquired about Wisconsin's acceptability to have legal notices on digital component. Sergeant explained that the State Statute states that the Legal Notices must be printed in a newspaper, but they can offer a digital component as an addition. Corridon inquired on the ability to have a bigger size font. Hurtley shared that the legal notice posting size is a standard 6.5 font, but can be enlarged or put headers or borders around them. Gildner had stated that the Evansville Review's font has always been larger than the 6 point font, and that they have gone up to at least a 10 point font. Laddick inquired on the Trading Post being free versus the Janesville Gazette would need a subscription. Duggan clarified that the Trading Post would not qualify as an official paper, per State Statue.

- B. **Discuss use of disclaimer "The views in this publication do not represent the views of the city of Evansville, WI"**. Duggan requested that no matter which newspaper that is selected has the disclaimer added. Duggan had spoken with the City Attorney, and it was approved.
- C. **Motion to appoint The Evansville Review as the City of Evansville's Official Newspaper for a term of one year. Brooks made the motion, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote 4-3, with opposition from Corridon, Lewis, and Neeley.**

6. **Motion to approve the Committee Aldermanic Appointments of:**

- A. Ald. Brooks as Chair and Ald. Neeley and Ald. Morrison as committee members to the Finance and Labor Relations Committee.
- B. Ald. Lewis and Ald. Barnes to the Plan Commission.
- C. Ald. Brooks as Chair and Ald. Ladick and Ald. Morrison as committee member to the Municipal Services Committee.
- D. Ald. Brooks and Ald. Stuart to the Evansville Fire District Board, and Ald. Barnes and Ald. Ladick as alternates.
- E. Ald. Brooks and Ald. Ladick to the Economic Development Committee.
- F. Ald. Neeley as Chair to the Park and Recreation Board.
- G. Ald. Stuart as Chair and Ald. Lewis and Ald. Corridon as committee members to the Public Safety Committee.
- H. Ald. Ladick and Ald. Morrison to the Redevelopment Authority.
- I. Ald. Lewis to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- J. Ald. Corridon Chair and Ald. Barnes to the Evansville Youth Center Board.

***Brooks made the motion, seconded by Morrison. Motion passes by Roll Call 7-0***

7. **Motion to approve the Committee Citizen Appointments of:**

- A. Bill Hurtley, 41 S Fifth St, for a five-year term to the Police Commission.
- B. Cheryl Doerfer, 204 W Main St and Dan Stephans, 54 Deanna Drive, for two-year terms to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- C. Gwen Clendenning, 331 Almeron St, and Wally Shannon, 245 Garfield Ave, for three-year terms to the Eager Free Public Library Board of Trustees.
- D. John Gishnock, 210 Cemetery Rd, for a three-year term to the Plan Commission.
- E. Kaitlyn 'Katie' Sacker, 25 N Second St, for a two-year term to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- F. Lyman Fuson, 334 W Main St, and Sue Merritt, 507 E Main St, for a three-year term to the Park and Recreation Board.
- G. Bill Lathrop, 468 W Main St, for a five-year term to the Board of Review.

- H. Roger Roth, 120 Garfield Ave, for a five-year term to the Redevelopment Authority.
- I. Jon Alling, 31 Sherman Ct, for a three-year term to the Economic Development Committee.
- J. Ken Updike, 623 E Countryside Drive, for a three-year term to the Youth Center Advisory Board.
- K. Ken Updike, 623 E Countryside Drive, and Sarah Krause, 23 ½ S 4<sup>th</sup> St, for three-year terms to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with Janice Turner as Chair.

*Brooks made the motion, seconded by Morrison. Motion passes by Roll Call 7-0.*

- 8. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor** 1-As an advance notice for Neeley and Lewis, Historic Preservation and Park Board will need to work together on a number of items. 2-In regards to item 7, not all of the positions were filled. The individuals above were the ones that had responded when they had been contacted.
- 9. **Meeting Reminder:**
  - A. **Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**
- 10. **Adjournment** *Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.*