Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 08, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Hurtley at 6:31 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Gene Lewis, James Montgomery, Erika Stuart, Matt Brown, Josh Manring and Ben Ladick was absent. Other present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Library Director Megan Kloeckner and members of the public.
3. Approval of Agenda. Brooks made a motion to amend the agenda to add “Discussion with possible motion…” to item 8A and approve. Cole added item 13A must be changed to “November 28th”. Manring seconded. Motion approved 8-0.

1. Approval of Minutes. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting as printed. Motion approved 8-0.
2. Civility reminder. Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
3. Citizen appearances. None.
4. Reports of Committees
   1. Library Board Report. Kloeckner reported that the fundraising campaign has raised $671,150 to date in donations and pledges. They are seeking two grants for the library project. The board will meet on November 11 to discuss the next phase of the campaign. They are having a picture book workshop on November 19th and a pie sale on November 23.
   2. Youth Center Advisory Board Report. Brooks reported that they are planning their second field trip for the school year. The center had a Halloween party.
   3. Plan Commission Report. Manring reported that the commission meeting was uneventful.
   4. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report.
      1. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of $1,285,847.85. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
      2. Manring made a motion, seconded by Cole to remove approval of collective bargaining agreement between the City of Evansville Police Department and Wisconsin Professional Police Association for the term of January 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2019 from the table. Motion approve 8-0 upon roll call.
      3. Manring made a motion, seconded by Brown to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Evansville Police Department and Wisconsin Professional Police Association for the term of January 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2019 from the table. Motion approve 8-0 upon roll call.
      4. Manring made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve Resolution 2016-25 Amending the City of Evansville’s Stormwater Fee. Brooks said this was to meet the changes in the credit manual and ordinance as well as increase the rate for the first time since 2008. Rigg said it would cost the average home owner $0.44 a month. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
      5. Manring made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Johnson Block for the 2016 audit. Motion approved 8-0.
   5. **Public Safety Committee Report.** Montgomery reported our EMT members are up to 12 now. The seconded ambulance went out 6 times last month. Brooks asked if they need the billboard sign requesting volunteer applications up again. Montgomery said the Chief should answer that. Brooks also added that there are changes to the social host ordinance due to recent court rulings. Kopp suggested not citing people or changing the ordinance until Madison alters the state statutes.
   6. Municipal Services Report.
      1. Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks, to approve an agreement with Nelson Tree Service. Manring asked about paragraph one contradicting nine. Kopp explained that the suggested change was to make sure that one does not negate the responsibility of the contractor in paragraph nine. Motion approved 8-0.
   7. Economic Development Committee Report. Lewis reported on working with media for economic development. Lewis mentioned the committee had a long discussion with the Chamber of Commerce. He said that would be nice to have some kind of partnership.
   8. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.
   9. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Rigg reported that the committee mostly discussed the budget and the outcome of the Super Pass. The City sold all 50 of their passes but not all staff and communities participating tracked the use.
   10. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Two permits for windows were approved and one permit for a sign was approved.
   11. Fire District Report. Montgomery reported that the budget for the Fire Department was reduced by $10,000 in the capital out lay budget. They had a discussion on what the City’s ordinance means for the Fire Departments rates for service. Manring asked what the rates are.
   12. Police Commission Report. No report.
   13. Energy Independence Team Report. No report.
   14. Board of Appeals Report. No report.
5. Unfinished Business
   1. There was discussion on Ordinance 2016-10, an ordinance amending and renaming chapter 46 of the municipal code regulating property maintenance. Kopp explained that some definitions are dense and need work. Process for abandon vehicles needs to match state statutes. Authority to inspect needs work as well. Manring asked if it should go back to committee. Kopp said another considerations for the ordinance is how much you want the inspector to determine the nuisance, or make it very specific in the code. Brooks said we need to find a way to make this take care of the egregious violations. Cole asked if we should just reference the state and federal codes. Hurtley asked if there was a consensus to send this back to committee. The item was sent back to committee.
   2. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve Ordinance 2016-18, an ordinance amending chapter 130 to allow chicken keeping. The changes from the previous version surround changing “Pet” to “Animal” for the at-large enforcement of Chapter 14. Manring stated that an abandoned chicken coup or run would be treated the same as a nuisance item under the property maintenance code. Motion approved 8-0.
6. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator. Rigg said that staff are working the election and commented on the amount of work and dedication it takes to conduct an election. Rigg said that the DPW position had 80 applicants that are now being reviewed. Rigg hopes to have a budget amendment done by December but no later than January.
7. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor
   1. Brooks read aloud the Mayor’s proclamation recognizing Evansville veterans’ participation in the Badger Honor Flight program.
8. New Business.
9. Introduction of New Ordinances
10. Meeting Reminders
    1. Budget Hearing: Thursday, November 28, 2016 6:00 p.m., City Hall
    2. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 6:30 p.m., City Hall
11. Adjournment. Cole made a motion, seconded by Manring, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion approved 8-0.

Ian Rigg, City Administrator/Finance Director