

**Common Council
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 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, Matt Brown, Rick Cole, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Josh Manring, James Montgomery, and Erika Stuart. Other present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Samantha Jozefowicz, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Kelly Gildner of the Review, Sergeant Reese, Jen Braun from BASE and members of the public.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve the agenda as printed. Motion approved 8-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to waive the reading of the minutes of December 13, 2016 and approve them as presented. Motion approved 8-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances**
 - (1). Jen Braun gave a presentation on BASE's recent activities, awards and results. They were one of four that received an award nationwide. They have had success with the drug drop off box and lock boxes for people to store their medications in. They are working with SADD at the local High School. Currently they are raising funds for a "lock-in" after prom. They are looking to raise about \$10,000. Stuart asked if the group is well received and supported at the school. Cole said that he is pleased that the school is doing this.
7. **Reports of Committees**
 - A. **Library Board Report.** Kloeckner gave a quick annual report. Over 6,300 people attend events at the library with Movers & Shakers and Story Time. They have currently raised \$813,000 for the library project.
 - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported they are short one staff person at the EYC.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report.** Sergeant reported they looked at a mixed use sketch for a potential property and took one final look at the Property Maintenance Code.
 - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
 - (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Manring to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$956,281.72. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
 - (2). Cole made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve Resolution 2017-01, Amending the 2016 Budget. Rigg gave a review of the proposed changes. After discussion Cole and Manring withdrew their motions and Brooks moved, with Manring seconding tabling the resolution until the

February meeting. Motion was approved 7-1 with Montgomery voting “No”.

- E. Public Safety Committee Report.** Montgomery reported the PD has purchased and started using their body cameras. Police are finishing the accreditation review process. EMS had 50 calls in December and has started using new software for billing.
 - (1).** Montgomery made a motion to approve the Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for a **Class “B” Beer** and **“Class C” Wine** License for: **Mama Ritas Pizzeria LLC, Greg Ardisson, Agent**, 217 N. Sixth Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Mama Ritas Pizzeria & Bakery, 18 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536; Brown seconded. Brooks asked if it was new or transfer. The license was a transfer from the previous tenant. Motion passed 8-0.
 - F. Municipal Services Report.** Ladick reported the committee looked at the Building Inspector position. Brooks mentioned that the City will be asked to sign or send a letter supporting tax exemption for bonding.
 - G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Lewis reported that the major topics of discussion were on gold shovel sites in Evansville, the post office, and goals for the year.
 - H. Redevelopment Authority Report.** No report.
 - I. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Ladick reported the board talked with local organizers of a Canine Appreciation Day in May at the park around the upper diamond.
 - J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** Lewis reported that the City is waiting for a response from the state about demolishing the Night Owl. Application for sign permit on Main Street was the only other item to report.
 - K. Fire District Report.** Montgomery reported on the information the board received about Brooklyn Fire. Questions about our responsibility for mutual aid were brought up.
 - L. Police Commission Report.** No report.
 - M. Energy Independence Team Report.** No report.
 - N. Board of Appeals Report.** No report.
- 8. Unfinished Business.**
- A.** Brooks and Manring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-20, An Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions on Water Street. Mayor Hurlley gave a briefing on an email he received on the matter. Members of the public spoke on the current situation and trucks driving too fast around the corner of Madison and Water Street. Rigg gave brief explanation of the choices before the Council. Rigg stated that Public Works wants no parking on either side of the road, but the neighborhood needs parking and a street too open will lead to speeders passing a residential area. Members of the public who spoke on the matter suggested just having no parking on the south side of Water Street. There were questions about visibility exiting Maple Street. There were questions and comments about pedestrian safety and visibility. Brooks moved to amend his motion, and Manring seconded to amend the ordinance so there would be no parking on the North side of Water Street from Maple to Madison. Motion to Amend failed 3-5 with Brooks, Manring and Ladick voting “yes”. Cole made a motion, seconded by

Manring, to amend the ordinance so there would be no parking on the south side of Water Street from Madison to Allen Creek. Amendment passed 5-3 with Brown, Lewis and Montgomery voting “no”. Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-20 passed 6-2 with Manring and Lewis voting “No”.

- B. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-21, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 and Allow Temporary Placement of Structures and Containers on Public Right-of-Way, Manring seconded. Rigg explained this is to allow staff to say yes to certain request and needs from the public without having to have a public meeting to approve simple requests or simply allow a request to be made. This also sets some standards for indemnity and clean up. Motion passed 8-0.
 - C. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-22, An Ordinance Eliminating the Office of Weed Commissioner and Building Inspector, Brown seconded. Rigg said this has to happen before the next ordinance is passed. Motion passed 8-0.
 - D. Manring made a motion to approve of Ordinance 2016-23, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2: Administration, Brooks seconded. Rigg went through the changes in the ordinance and asked if Council had any questions. Rigg explained that with many former positions no longer under a union contract, prior rules on notices for positions have changed to requiring class 2 public notices, when an internal posting would be preferable. The ordinance also works along with the policy manual as department head positions still have to be posted and first go through the committees that supervise that position. There were questions on the changes to copies of records and whether it included electronic. Rigg said they do not charge for electronic copies if there is no printing or costs to the City. If the electronic copying costs a lot of time, they would charge that way. Kopp advised to keep the charges to cover costs only. Motion passed 8-0.
 - E. Brooks made a motion to approve of Ordinance 2016-24, An Ordinance Adopting a Local Vehicle Registration Fee, with Manring seconding. Rigg explained how the fee works. Council was concerned about how much public information was out there for people to see. Rigg explained that other than the prior meetings, what the paper prints for minutes, and what people get from E-notify, nothing else. After discussion Brooks and Manring withdrew their motion and Manring moved to table the ordinance to February’s meeting, Montgomery seconded. Motion to table passed 8-0.
 - F. Brooks moved to approve Ordinance 2016-10, An Ordinance renaming and amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code regulating Property Maintenance Manring, Cole seconded. Manring moved to keep section 46-31(1) reading “viewable from the public right-of-way”, Brooks seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Brooks asked about langue that needed to be changed to match on page 4. The error spotted was corrected to say request. Motion passed 8-0.
- 9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** Rigg spoke on the upcoming Ehlers conference, future of youth baseball, after the conference Ehlers will start the process of amending TID 5 & 8, and bids for the pool resurfacing.
- A. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02, Amending the City of Evansville’s Fee Schedule – Records Request, Manring seconded. Rigg explained this is in response to the changes in Chapter 2 and copier ability. Motion passed 8-0.
 - B. Brooks made a motion to approve submission of grant application to the Evansville Antes Fund for stone retaining wall, new baseball fence at the lower diamond, and study on the enhancement of the Veteran’s Memorial Aquatic Center, Manring

seconded. Rigg explained the Fund is available and meets some of the proposed projects in the 2017 budget. Motion passed 8-0.

- 10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor.** Working on the sub-committee for Westside Park.
- 11. New Business.** None
- 12. Introduction of New Ordinances**
 - A. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2017-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130: Zoning, Division 7. Community Business District (B-3) of the Municipal Code
 - B. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2017-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130: Zoning, Division 8. Regional Business District (B-4) of the Municipal Code
- 13. Closed Session.** At 8:50 pm, Brooks made a motion that the Common Council will convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin statutes to discuss two specific obligations that are due the city, which might entail discussion regarding obtaining public property, where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position. Upon completion, the Common Council will reconvene in open session. Manring Seconded and motion passed 8-0. Closed session ended at 9:17 pm.
- 14. Motion to reconvene in open session.** No action could be taken.
- 15. Offer(s) on special assessments.** Brooks moved to accept the offer made by Hughes to pay off the assessment and the Templeton's to exchange property for assessment as discussed in closed session. Manring seconded and upon roll call the motion passed 8-0.
- 16. Meeting Reminders**
 - A. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 6:30 p.m., City Hall
- 17. Adjournment.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion approved 8-0.