

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Sandy Decker.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Sandy Decker, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Matt Brown, Rick Cole, Cheryl Fuchs (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Josh Manring (arrived at 6:32 p.m.) and James Montgomery. Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Kelly Gildner of The Review, S.O.L.E. member Rod Courtier, and Roger Berg.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to move Item 9A to follow Item #6 and approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting and to approve them as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at city meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.** None
7. **Resolution 2015-23.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve Resolution 2015-23, A Resolution Supporting Use of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 20.35 to Reduce Daily Bag Limits for Fishing at Lake Leota. Rod Courtier stated the DNR shocked the lake and will be proposing to reduce the bag limit on the smaller fish and increase it on walleye (also increasing the size of walleye to 18"). The DNR will put notices for public comment in several local newspapers. Motion approved 8-0.
8. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report.** Via an email from Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Decker reported the fall program brochures are now available and there is a Design Workshop meeting scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Creekside.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Ladick reported they had a couple open houses for middle school students and they are looking forward to the Halloween party scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. **Plan Commission Report**
    - (1). Manring made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Final Land Division for 170 S Union, Parcel 6-27-676.1. Sergeant reported that an application was submitted by Triple B Investments. The Preliminary Land Division

was approved by the Plan Commission and the Common Council in March; Lot 2 of the proposed land division creates industrial space; and erosion concerns have been addressed. Motion approved 7-0 with Brown abstaining.

- (2). Sergeant presented a general overview of the Smart Growth Plan; he is hoping to finish the project next month and noted that the entire project is on the city's website. He explained that not only is the plan required by the State of Wisconsin, it is a great document to have. Evansville's original plan was adopted in 2005. This plan is focusing on quality of life and walkability; core features include Lake Leota and the downtown. The projected population for 2035 is 6,800. He reviewed the visions and policies of each of the chapters.

(Manring left the meeting for 4 minutes at 7:34 p.m.)

- (3). Sergeant gave an update on the Ice Age Trail and indications are that the trail will come to Evansville.

#### **D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- (1). Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to accept the City and Water & Light bills as presented in the amount of \$1,287,326.41. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report.** Montgomery reported the drug take-back day was Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>; they will be conducting compliance checks; there were 879 calls for service and 56 license plate transactions; they are reviewing the fee schedule; the average life of a taser is 10 years, and they are looking at purchasing body cameras. EMS had rescue task force training on September 9<sup>th</sup> and will have I-gel training in October.

- (1). Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve a 3 year service contract with Custom Service Information, LLC (CSI) for departmental policy and procedure reviews and updates. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

**F. Municipal Services Report.** Brooks reported 4<sup>th</sup> Street has been paved and the final lift will go on next year. A presentation for sludge handling will be coming.

**G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Brooks reported they are working on the budget and are talking with citizens who are being asked to be part of the Entrepreneurship Ad hoc Committee.

**H. Redevelopment Authority Report.** No report.

**I. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** They will meet next week.

**J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** Lewis reported they approved an application for wood/vinyl replacement of windows at 137 W Main Street; replacement of deteriorated steps at 109 S First Street; re-roofing of flat roofs at 21 Garfield Avenue; and the property owner at 268 W Liberty Street is asking for a conditional use permit to build a duplex rental dwelling on the property.

**K. Fire District Report.** Montgomery reported that Rigg attended the last meeting and presented the idea of having some firefighters be first responders; the Chief has not heard back regarding the FEMA grant; the rescue vehicle needs repair; they are working on the preliminary budget; and they renewed a \$60,198 CD.

**L. Police Commission Report.** No report.

**M. Energy Independence Team Report.** Decker reported they met on August 12<sup>th</sup>. They had preliminary discussion on the funding for the energy fair next year; there is LED street lighting throughout Leonard Leota Park; installation of off the grid solar light tubes at the Henneberry Shelter; there was an AMI update; and they discussed the smart growth update and the ice age trail update.

**N. Board of Appeals Report.** No report.

**9. Unfinished Business**

- A.** Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2015-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 54 of the Municipal Code Relative to Floodplain Zoning By Adopting New Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Corresponding Flood Insurance Study Report (sponsors Brooks and Cole). Sergeant explained that FEMA re-defined their data and came up with new maps, something the city opposed because the maps had been updated recently. However this changed the current maps so a new ordinance is needed. Motion approved 8-0.
- B.** Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2015-05, An Ordinance Approving a Total Opt Out of Implements of Husbandry and Agriculture Commercial Vehicles (sponsors Brooks and Ladick). Motion approved 8-0.

**10. Communications and Recommendations from the Mayor**

- A.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve Resolution 2015-24, A Resolution in Support of State Legislation Allowing Ambulance Staffing with one Emergency Medical Technician and one First Responder. Discussion followed regarding making it easier to staff the ambulance, especially the second ambulance, but also whether having only two staff members in an ambulance is risking safety. Motion approved 5-3 with Cole, Manring, and Ladick opposing.
- B.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to Approve Submission of a grant application to the Evansville Fund for acquisition of a handicap accessible double swing. Motion approved 8-0.
- C.** Decker reported on the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Chief Executive Officials Workshop. This is held annually in August and this year there were approximately 75 mayors, city managers, village presidents, council presidents, and city administrators and the focus was on mid-sized and small communities. There are only 12 communities in the state with a population of over 50,000. There were a number of speakers on economic development. On Thursday, there were five different presentations and all but one of them talked about libraries being an important asset in downtown revitalization. Rebecca Kleefisch was a speaker and talked about economic development followed by a question and answer period. A village president asked why state government is reducing local control. She responded that local government have local control because they have referendums and that is true local control. Her answer was not well received. Decker said SWAG is now looking for a different community, their third, for their project.

There is information on the Village of Marshall's website stating the SWAG project will not be there.

- D. Decker reminded Council of the early bird pricing deadline of September 16<sup>th</sup> for the League Annual Conference, October 28-30, in Milwaukee.
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- 11. **Introduction of New Ordinances**
    - A. Brooks presented the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-06, an Ordinance Adopting the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan (sponsors Manning and Cole)
    - B. Brooks presented the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-07, an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Evansville, Wisconsin (7801 5<sup>th</sup> Street) (Applicant initiated, Norm Paulson)
    - C. Brooks presented the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-08, an Ordinance Rezoning 7801 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Residential District One (R-1) temporary to Residential District One (R-1) (Applicant initiated, Norm Paulson)
  - 12. **New Business.** None
  - 13. **Meeting Reminders**
    - A. Budget Presentation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall.
    - B. Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
  - 14. **Adjournment.** Cole made a motion, seconded by Brown to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion approved 8-0.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer

*These minutes are not official until approved by the Common Council at their next regular meeting.*