

**Common Council
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, November 10, 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, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Josh Manning (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), and James Montgomery. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, Consigny Law Office Attorney Mike Faust, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Kelly Gildner of The Review, Eager Free Public Library Board President Eloise Eager, Gregg Baum of FEH Architect, Jim Verbick 345 Cherry Street, Jack Femyer 509 Gold Coast Lane, Daniel Stephans 54 Deanna Drive, and Norm Paulson.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to move Item 7A to follow Item 5 and approve the agenda. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Approve of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 13, 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. **Library Board Report.**
 - A. Eager Free Public Library Board President Eloise Eager introduced Gregg Baum of FEH Architect. He gave a brief history of the library expansion project and explained they are proposing to add approximately 8,000 square feet with a 2-story building immediately south of the existing building, and leaving the existing building intact. He presented design options G, G-1, and G-2. In all of the options, the post office building and the house south of it would be removed. Configuring a design to create at least 40-45 parking spaces was discussed at great length.
 - B. Brooks reported the library received a grant from the Evansville Fund for the Movers & Makers and STEAMPunks programs.
7. **Citizen appearances**
 - A. **Public Hearing: 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets**
 - (1). Rigg presented the changes that had been made since the October meeting.
 - (2). Decker opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. There were no public comments. Decker closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.
 - (3). Brooks stated there was a nice job done to keep the mill rate flat; we were able to do a lot of good things in the parks, spread across many groups interests; managed to get a street project in; saved room for borrowing for the library expansion; and were able to give employees a raise. Rigg added that in addition to the 1.75% wage increase, we were also able to

increase certain wages due to the wage study and we also added the Employee Assistance Program.

- (4). Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve Ordinance 2015-09, an Ordinance Adopting 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets and Setting Tax Levies (sponsors Brooks and Cole). Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

B. Other citizen appearances. Jack Femyer, 509 Gold Coast Lane introduced himself. He has submitted a letter of interest for Aldermanic District #2.

8. Reports of Committees

A. Library Board Report (*moved to follow Item #5*)

B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report. Ladick reported on some big news – they have organized a first ever field trip which is scheduled for December 7th and includes a visit to the State Capitol and going ice skating. He added there are over 70 kids registered and they are averaging 21 per day; they have received donations - \$250 from Faith Community Church, \$250 from the estate of Margery Buckeridge, and \$100 from turning in Pig receipts; and the new furnace is working excellent. Brooks added that Becky Bartlett was at Creekside tonight getting a grant from the Evansville Fund for healthy snacks. Rigg added that the city dedicated \$1,500 to the youth center for field trips from the WCTC Fund from WPPI.

C. Plan Commission Report

- (1). Manring made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve final land division application for a certified survey map (CSM) to split parcel 6-20-233.01, located at 7801 N. 5th Street into three lots.

Sergeant reported the preliminary CSM was approved last month and since then a utility easement was added. Municipal Services Committee and Plan Commission recommended approval. This will create 3 buildable lots. He reviewed the conditions that were included in the staff report.

Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to amend the motion adding subject to condition #1 as listed in the staff report. Motion to amend approved 8-0.

Main motion, as amended, approved 8-0.

- (2). Manring made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve preliminary and final land division applications for a certified survey map (CSM) to move the parcel line of parcels 6-27-970.5 and 6-27-970.9E, located on the northwest corner of S 5th Street and Porter Rd subject to the condition listed in the staff report.

Motion approved 8-0.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

- (1). Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to accept the City and Water & Light bills as presented in the amount of \$1,471,220.64. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
- (2). Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution #2015-28, a Resolution Authorizing Borrowing \$304,406 from WPPI Energy.

Brooks explained that this is the loan for the Advanced Metering Initiative (AMI) that was in the 2014 budget. We didn't want to borrow until we needed to.

Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

E. Public Safety Committee Report

- (1). Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve Audio Video recording policy, 6.28, for the Evansville Police Department.

Montgomery stated this will amend the current policy to include the possibility of wearable technology - wearable cameras/body cameras.

Brooks had several questions that included lack of definitions; what are the consequences for not following the policy; clarification on what circumstances an officer would be instructed to turn off the camera; awareness of the public regarding exceptions to recordings; exempting member to member conversations from recordings; under what circumstances would recordings be shared with others; and should the recordings be the sole possession of the police department.

Montgomery stated there is already a policy for squad cameras and this is simply adding the body cameras. Brooks responded that the squad cameras cannot go into people's houses.

Rigg added that many of the questions raised are addressed in other sections of the full WILEAG policy.

Motion approved 7-1 with Brooks opposing.

- (2). Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Evansville Police Department and the Rock County 911 Communications Center. Motion approved 8-0.
- (3). Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve Resolution 2015-29, a Resolution Amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule.

Manring questioned the consistency of increases for sale of alcohol and cigarettes and Rigg explained it was the maximum allowed by the state.

Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

- F. Municipal Services Report.** Brooks reported the new electric meters are going in slower than anticipated due to the time involved with the data entry; there are 4

unoccupied properties still disconnected; he and Mayor Decker went to WPPI last week and learned that 36 municipalities have voted to extend their contracts through 2055 as Evansville did.

G. Economic Development Committee Report. Brooks reported they are going to re-visit the revolving loan fund application process; and there was a new business approved for Main Street at Plan Commission and we are very close to being 100% occupied on Main Street.

H. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.

I. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Fuchs reported they discussed all the progress made in the parks during the past year; Council will vote on closing Leonard Leota Park to through traffic on November 12th; and they are looking into some safety items with the ADA swing that were brought up. Brooks added the Antes Fund gave \$1,000 towards the ADA swing for Brzezinski Park.

J. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Lewis stated they had their first meeting after the passing of Chair Rich Modaff. They had an application from the Congregational Church for a roof and for signage for Blu's Froyo Shoppe.

K. Fire District Report. Montgomery reported they were turned down for the FEMA grant; Engine #61 has ladder and pump issues; Engine #68 made contact with a deer; and they are reviewing the fee schedule.

L. Police Commission Report. None.

M. Energy Independence Team Report. Decker reported they are meeting next week.

N. Board of Appeals Report. No report.

9. Unfinished Business. None.

10. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator. Rigg reported the PSC released their report on the water rate case and they approved a 25% increase which for residential customers will result in approximately \$8.88/month for water and fire protection; we received a strong number of applicants for the EMS position; and he and Mayor Decker attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference and takeaways for him were remembering what our purposes are, what our goals are, how do we engage people to help us meet those goals, and avoiding pitfalls.

11. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution 2015-30, a Resolution in Recognition of the Dedicated Service of Richard Modaff to the City of Evansville.

Brooks read the resolution aloud.

Motion approved 8-0.

- B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Fuchs to approve the Mayoral appointment of Dan Stephans, 54 Deanna Drive, to the Evansville Historic Preservation Commission for an unexpired term ending in 2017.

Mr. Stephans stated he has been involved with historic preservation since the mid 60's. In 1966 he was in Washington D.C. advocating for the preservation law that resulted in the Historic Preservation Review Boards for the various states and he is a member of the Wisconsin board; he was Chief State Architect for the State of Wisconsin, joining the state in 1990 to restore the State Capitol; he is a Member of the Taliesin Preservation Board of Trustees; and he was on the Madison Landmarks Commission for about 9 years. He stated he is very happy to serve Evansville in this capacity but very sad that there is an opening by the way it came.

Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. Decker reported on a session she attended while at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference. During the session they were informed of an initial report from a UW-Milwaukee survey entitled The State of Communities under 10,000 in population in Wisconsin and Why It Matters for Everyone. She provided some very interesting answers from that survey.
- D. Decker reported that Jim Brooks will be going to the League Lobby Day on Thursday, November 12th. Brooks stated he will be meeting with Mark Bender from Representative Mark Spreitzer's office and Senator Ringhand or someone from her staff. He invited anyone interested to join him.

Decker also reported that back in July Council passed Resolution #2015-18 asking for sustainable transportation funding and at the League's Annual Conference the membership also passed a resolution asking for sustainable transportation funding over the long term; Governor Walker is supposed to sign the legislation tomorrow regarding ambulance staffing changes; she has contacted Representative Loudenbeck and Senator Erpenbach regarding the lack of family care in Rock County; there is legislation that has come forward limiting the number of referendums that local governments can undertake; SB227 exempts sales tax for contractor purchases of construction material for public contracts; and a law was recently enacted allowing temporary beverage licenses for wine walks.

12. New Business. None.

13. Introduction of New Ordinances

- A. Brooks presented the First Reading of Charter Ordinance 2015-10, a Charter Ordinance Eliminating the Office of Emergency Medical Services Coordinator (sponsors Fuchs and Montgomery)
- B. Brooks presented the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-11, an Ordinance Creating Ward 10, Aldermanic District #1 (sponsors Brooks and Manring)

14. Meeting Reminders

- A. A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2015 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

- 15. Adjournment.** Cole made a motion, seconded by Manring to adjourn at 8:16 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.