

**Common Council
Special Meeting**

Thursday, November 12, 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, Josh Manring, and James Montgomery. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, and one member of the public. Alderperson Gene Lewis was absent
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda as printed. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to defer the reading of the minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting to the next regular meeting. Motion approved 7-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at city meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.**
 - A. Public Hearing: 2035 Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan.
 - (1). Staff Report: Jason Sergeant gave a brief review of the Smart Growth Plan. His review included items on transportation, service areas, economic development, land use, and intergovernmental cooperation. Jason Sergeant pointed out a necessary change on page 14. “larger immigrant households” should be changed to “Increase in shared housing by immigrant families”
 - (2). Public Hearing: Mayor Decker opened the public hearing at 6:50pm. John Decker at 143 West Main Street spoke. He called the plan and the effort “tremendous”. He was pleased with the Community Development Director working with the Historic Preservation Committee. Some of the historic preservation goals in the plan are already underway. Jason Sergeant relayed comments from a resident unable to attend. They wanted a parcel of land that was marked for park and recreation use to be divided and have one portion become planned neighborhood in the future land use map. Jason Sergeant agreed and recommended to Council they make that minor change to map 10.1 in the Smart Growth Plan.
 - (3). Final Discussion by Council: Mayor Decker recalled the number of people with concerns and questions at the last two hearings. Cole said that limited number of people at the hearing could be due to the effort to inform the public and gain their input throughout the process. Fuchs said people are more informed now. Brooks said one resident told him they were pleased with the plan, and two residents asked about chickens. Brooks said this plan is better than the previous as it is more responsive and reflects the changes in Evansville post-recession.

- (4). Manring moved and Cole seconded approving Ordinance 2015-06, an Ordinance Adopting a Ten-Year Update to the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan of the City of Evansville, Wisconsin and changing map 10.1 & page 14 to staff recommendation. Motion approved 7-0 on a rollcall vote.

7. **Motion to approve closing Leonard-Leota Park to vehicular traffic for the 2015-2016 winter season, with dates determined by the parks custodian.** Fuchs asked the Council to move and approve closing the park to traffic per the Park Board's discussion last Monday. Manring said he received many complaints about the road closure. Brooks stated he had received many positive comments and only one negative about the road closure. Fuchs stated those who showed up to the Park Board meetings recently were all in favor of closing the park road. They like being able to walk in the park without worry of the traffic. Brown asked if the closing was due to over fishing the lake. After brief discussion Fuchs moved and Brown seconded approving closing Leonard-Leota Park to vehicular traffic for the 2015-2016 winter season, with dates determined by the Park Custodian. Motion approved 6-1, with Manring voting no.
8. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**
 - A. Manring moved and Brooks seconded approving Resolution 2015-31, a Resolution Commending Cheryl Fuchs for Her Service to the City of Evansville. Motion approved 7-0.
 - B. Brooks moved and Cole seconded approval of Mayoral appointment of Derek Allen, 28 Braeburn Way, to the Economic Development Committee for an unexpired term ending in 2017. Motion approved 7-0 on a rollcall vote.
9. **New Business.** None
10. **Meeting Reminders**
 - A. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
11. **Adjournment.** Fuchs made a motion, seconded by Cole to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.

Ian Rigg, City Administrator/Finance Director