

**Common Council
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, July 09, 2019, 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 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Larry Dobbs, Dianne Duggan, Ben Ladick, Joy Morrison, Jon Senn, and Erika Stuart. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, and City Attorney Mark Kopp.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved 8-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Senn to waive the reading of the minutes of June 11 and 24, 2019 and approve as presented. Motion approved 8-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.** None.
7. **Reports of Committees**

A. Library Board Report. Rigg read the written reported provided by Library Director Megan Kloeckner as follows:

Summer Reading Updates

- We have 182 children signed up already for the reading program. In 2018, we had 57. We've more than tripled last year's number of participants.
- We have 77 teens signed up. In 2018, we had 44. We've almost doubled last year's participants.

Other Updates

- We are hiring for the position of library clerk. Applications are due by Friday. I'm hoping to have interviews finished by the end of July, and the new hire starting by early August.

Rigg added the library has been operating short staffed yet have kept hours of operation the same due to all staff stepping up and covering the shifts.

B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report. Brooks reported they discussed the parade, 4th of July activities, and Ducky Derby. They are working on how to get the message out for back to school.

C. Plan Commission Report. No report.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

- (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$2,343,793.04. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
- (2). Cole made a motion, seconded by Ladick to approve Digital Banking Agreement with BMO. The agreement had been revised since the original approval in 2016. In order to print statements and view daily deposits an agreement is required. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

E. Public Safety Committee Report. Duggan stated Lieutenant Reese reported they are using new software which is going well; attending ongoing SWAT training; and their calls are up slightly. They have been working with BASE and as a result of their work BASE was awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 over 4 years to be focused on substance abuse prevention for LGBTQ+ kids. The fall take back date is October 26th; and they are preparing for the 4th of July festivities.

EMS calls are up; they are preparing for the 4th; they will be helping cover the Rock County Fair at the end of the month; and Chief Kessenich will be meeting with the Manor to discuss the number of calls they are receiving.

Brooks stated all city employees were invaluable during the 4th of July festivities and setup - Police, Water & Light, EMS, DPW. They had a record set-up time. EVPD really shined with calls they received. The 4th of July Committee expressed their gratitude.

Duggan added that Lieutenant Reese would like to do an awards program for employees.

F. Municipal Services Report. Brooks reported they discussed the wastewater treatment plant and the lift station roof, and the 2nd Street project is on schedule.

Hurtley informed Council that there have been complaints about the tree trimming project around power lines, a necessary project, but some residents are not happy with the type of trimming being done.

Rigg added that residents are mixing bulky waste with yard waste so some public information is in order.

G. Economic Development Committee Report. No report.

H. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.

I. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Morrison reported BlueScope's request for a company picnic was approved; they discussed adopt a park program; and Jays baseball is operational, as is the pool. They are working on the Master Park Plan.

J. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Morrison reported they tabled applications for window replacement at 42 W Church Street and 341 W Main Street as they needed more information; they approved 45 N 1st Street to restore original siding and 124 Highland for siding repair. They discussed projects at Lake Leota Park and staff issued a certificate of appropriateness for 246 W Church Street.

K. Fire District Report. Brooks reported the firefighters elected Terry Langston to fill the open lieutenant's position through the end of the year; the audit is completed; and the district clerk will be attending Quickbooks training to help resolve reporting quirks.

L. Police Commission Report. Rigg reported they just met tonight. Lieutenant Reese was appointed to interim chief. The commission would like to be involved in the review of the chief's job description but would prefer a third party consultant be used for recruitment.

M. Energy Independence Team Report. No report.

N. Board of Appeals Report. No report.

8. Unfinished Business. None

9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator. Rigg reported he has been spending time on the chief's retirement; reviewing and correcting the annual audit; and budget preparation.

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to approve agreement for electric vehicle charging station.

Rigg stated this is highly recommended by WPPI. He just received the agreement yesterday but the city attorney has reviewed it.

Senn asked if there were other agreements available and was told these were reviewed by the Municipal Services Committee.

Motion approved 7-1 on a roll call vote with Senn opposing.

10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor. Hurtley thanked all involved with the 4th of July celebration.

11. New Business. None.

12. Introduction of New Ordinances. None.

13. Meeting Reminders

A. Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday August 13, 2019 6:30 p.m., City Hall

14. Closed Session. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Ladick to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats. to discuss specific obligations that are due the city, which might entail discussion regarding obtaining public property(properties) or payment (payments), where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position. Upon completion, Common Council will not reconvene in open session. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote at 7:14 p.m.

There was no action taken in closed session and the meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer