

## Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:00 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 6:00 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 Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Municipal Services Director Chad Renly, and Evansville Community School District Administrator Jerry Roth.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda. Motion approved 8-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of February 11, 17, and 27, 2020 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.** Kloeckner distributed copies of the 2019 Annual Report and the spring program brochure. She reported the Arrowhead Library System is working on a new strategic plan and she and Eloise are part of the committee that is creating the plan.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported they have a field trip coming up this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - 1) Brooks gave a power point presentation on the Evansville Youth Center Building Committee that recapped their work over the last 6 months. Members included individuals from the Evansville Community School District and the City of Evansville. Mr. Roth and Mayor Hurtley stepped away after the first meeting. He explained the process, the assumptions made by the group, and the priorities they used. He presented each of the possible sites they identified.

Stuart commented that there may be errors in the presentation in regard to the school district's involvement/commitment for a new youth center, a conversation she recalled from Plan Commission.

Dobbs called for point of order and then excused himself from the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Additional discussion included green space.

Mr. Roth stated they have just learned that they have more time than they originally thought to spend their funds.
  - C. **Plan Commission Report.** Sergeant reported they approved the site plan and conditional use permit application for the property on Brown School Road for 8 apartment units and 2 commercial units.
  - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report.** Cole reported they had a short meeting. They talked about the merits of attending the Ehlers Conference.

- 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$4,514,829.15. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. Public Safety Committee Report.** Duggan reported they approved 3 operator licenses; EVPD has an accepted offer for the part-time position and they will be conducting interviews for the Lieutenant position on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Cooperative Agreement between Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change and the Evansville Police Department. Duggan stated this will help in carrying out a Place of Last Drink Study in Rock County.  
Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. Municipal Services Report.** Brooks reported they are going to start tearing apart the transformer. Renly added that it is going to cost \$9,600 to drain the oil and there is a company that will start that task tomorrow. It is unknown at this time if insurance will cover the costs as it depends on the cause of the damage. He stated it will cost \$275,000 to re-build it and the identical cost to replace it. The problem is that the substation is completely down and although we can handle the load of our customers, we do not have a backup. They are looking into backup options now.
- Renly also reported that the dam grant has been accepted and if approved the DNR will pay half of the \$107,000 cost for the needed repair.
- Brooks reported that at the last meeting they discussed incentives for water softeners to help reduce chloride levels; the Customers First Coalition lunch will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Getting to Carbon Zero. He, Chad Renly, and Joy Morrison were in Washington D.C. and met with Senators Baldwin and Johnson and Congressman Pocan and Vice President Pence's energy staff.
- G. Economic Development Committee.** Ladick reported we've had a full payback from the largest loan through the revolving loan fund.
- Sergeant reported the Centennial Building had their ribbon cutting and the reimbursement check is being processed.
- H. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Morrison reported they approved Field Allocation Policies and Procedures; geese control; the Boy Scout Council fishing event was held February 15<sup>th</sup> and it was enjoyed immensely; and there was some tweaking to the engineering and architect's drawings for the pool.
- I. Historic Preservation Commission.** Morrison reported they approved applications for 21 E Main Street for a sign project; 133 Grove for a roof and windows; 5 Maple for a new all sign; and 145 Highland to replace railings. They discussed needed repair to 14 Railroad Street with the property owner; and there was a staff issued certificate of appropriateness for 132 W Main to replace gutters.
- J. Fire District Report.** Brooks reported service awards were presented at the banquet; 2 firefighters have retired and 2 resigned; they have made the first down payment on the tender.
- K. Police Commission Report.** Hurlley reported they are reviewing the bylaws for promoting and hiring and will meet again this month.
- L. Energy Independence Team Report.** No report.

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

**8. Unfinished Business**

- A.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2020-02, Amending Chapter 126 – Utilities. Brooks stated this will modernize the utility ordinance and adding the nonpolluted water rates section codifies what has been going on for some time.

After suggestions from Sergeant, Brooks made an amendment, seconded by Cole to change Sec 126-6 (c) Any person violating this section may be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$200. Each day that a violation continues is a separate violation, as provided in Sec 1-11 in the Code of Ordinances.

Additionally, in Sec 126-11 change ~~emprise~~ to compromise.

Amendment approved 7-0.

Motion, as amended, approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2020-06, An Ordinance Amending City of Evansville Wards 3 and 11, Aldermanic District #2.

Walton explained that when the property was annexed the ward division line should have been the center of S. Sixth Street and this is correcting that error.

Motion approved 7-0.

- C.** Brooks announced that the Evansville linemen had received a Safety Excellence award from APPA and that arrangements were being made for a lineman to attend the presentation ceremony in Kansas City.

**9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** No report, Rigg is attending the National League of Cities Congressional Committee Conference in Washington D.C.

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

- A.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve and Authorize Mayor to sign Professional Service Agreement with MSA Professional Services to Administer the CDBG RLF Housing Program.

Sergeant stated this is the same agreement we currently have but the state passed a law that changes the amount of money that sits in this fund so this agreement changes that.

Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**11. New Business.** Hurtley asked Council to email comments for Riggs' review to him and he and Brooks will review them.

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances**

- A.** Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2020-07, Amending the Future Land Use Map of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan.

**13. Meeting Reminders**

- A.** Regular Council meeting: April 14, 2020 6:00 p.m., City Hall

- B.** Reorganizational meeting April 21, 2020 6:00 p.m., City Hall

**14. Closed Session.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats. to deliberate, discuss, and possibly establish

negotiating parameters for the possible purchase of public property or properties where discussion in open session might negatively impact competitive or bargaining positions. Upon completion, Common Council will not reconvene in open session.  
Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote at 7:14 p.m.

There was no action taken in closed session and the meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer

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