

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 20th, 2023 6:00 PM
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536

MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair James Brooks	P	Com. Dev. Director Colette Spranger
Ben Ladick, Vice Chair	A	Shawn Dunphy, Evansville Chamber of Commerce
Jon Alling	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Pat Carr	P	
Gabe Schrader	A	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda, by Berg, seconded by Alling. Passed unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 30th, 2023, September 18th, 2023, October 2nd, 2023 and October 9th, 2023 meetings and approve them as printed by Berg, seconded by Alling. Brief discussion on when the final special meetings took place prior to the Business Summit. Committee agreed the last meeting took place on October 12th, not the 9th. Brooks corrected prior minutes where it read that he “stated” the City’s commitment to civil discourse; Brooks in fact reminds the committee of said commitment. ***Passed unanimously.***

5. Civility Reminder. Brooks reminded the committee of the City’s commitments to civil discourse.

6. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items. None.

7. New Business. Brooks encouraged members to browse the City’s energy independence plan. Pat Carr shared updates about charging stations installed at Evansville Ford.

8. Monthly Reports

A. Community Development Update. Spranger listed a number of goings on within City departments, including the ongoing search for building inspection services, development agreement negotiations with CHS, and possible funding opportunities.

B. Chamber Update. Dunphy went over recent Chamber events, including Olde Fashioned Christmas, which went over well. Lunch and Learns will return in 2024. The Chamber’s Annual Meeting will be held December 19th at Trapper’s Bar and Grill.

C. Tourism Update. No meeting in November. Circus mural project on Madison Street is ongoing.

D.

9. Discussion

A. Business Summit Recap

Committee members provided their thoughts on the outcomes and success of the business summit held on October 13th. Reception was generally positive. Most complaints were from those unable to attend due to timing, which the committee anticipated during its planning stages. Recap of the summit brought up discussion about the committee's goals for 2024. Was generally agreed that major changes were on Evansville's horizon. Carr suggests a focus on employment with an eventual city-wide job fair. 2024 goals will be the subject of December's meeting.

10. Next Meeting Dates:

A. Regular Meeting: Monday, December 18th, 2023

11. Motion to Adjourn by Berg, seconded by Rutz. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.