

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

In response to COVID-19, this meeting is being held virtually to ensure the safety of members and the public.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order-** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurtley at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call-**Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Dianne Duggan, Susan Becker, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison and Rick Cole. Others present: City Clerk Darnisha Haley, City Administrator/Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, City Treasurer Julie Roberts, Municipal Services Director Chad Renly, Police Chief Patrick Reese, Police Lt. Chris Jones, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Angie Olsen, Aquatics Director, members of the general public. Ben Ladick joined at 7:14 p.m.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Brooks made a motion seconded by Duggan to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes-**Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of May 11, 2021 meeting and approve with minor changes. Motion passed 6-0
5. **Civility reminder-**Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meeting
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed-**
  - Denise Pease- Wanted to thank Mayor Hurtley for the Pride Month Proclamation that was approved last month. Pease read some comments from LGBTQI+ Community member, & Family and Allies Facebook members regarding why it is important to have the pride flag flying in their community.
  - Jennifer Braun from BASE-Wanted to thank the Mayor for signing the proclamation and flying the Pride Flag in Evansville during Pride Month.
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report-** Haley read the report prepared by Library Director Megan Kloeckner as Follows:

General Updates

    - The library is now open for browsing 6 days a week. We are continuing to offer curbside pickup as well.
      - This phase of reopening also gives patrons an opportunity to use the study rooms.
    - Summer Library Club begins June 14. Reading challenges will be available for children, teens, and adults.
      - Take Home kits will be available throughout the summer. Patrons have the option to create the projects in the library if they are comfortable doing so.
    - In person programming is slowly coming back. We are starting out with a book club meeting next week.

Grant Funding

- The library’s application to the Read Africa program through UW-Madison has been recommended for full funding. The intent of the program is to give public libraries throughout Wisconsin the opportunity to enrich their collections with new titles in order to enable readers to deepen their understanding of Africa.
- B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report-**Becker reported the Youth Coordinator position will be posted on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will close on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews for this position will be July 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> with an anticipated start date of August 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be an open house in mid-August to welcome people into the newly updated space. Renly is pricing out flooring to installing carpet in the high traffic areas and expanding the vinyl in the kitchen areas to avoid getting food on the carpet. The committee is also looking for ideas to replace the ducks event for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, if you have any ideas feel free to email Susan Becker.
- C. Plan Commission Report-**Sergeant reported the Plan Commission approved Dollar General’s site plan request with a few conditions. The conditions included having a flood plain permit being issued, and a couple other plan reviews by the City Engineer.
- 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution 2021-11, A Resolution for A Public Input Process and Recommendation for Amendment of the City of Evansville, WI Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 6-0
  - 2) Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application CP-2021-01 to change the future land use designation to Mixed Use on a portion of parcel 6-27-559.500C and to Open Space and Conservation on parcel 6-27-533.515 located in the Stonewood Grove Subdivision.
    - i) **Application Summary**
    - ii) **Public Hearing-** None
      - Hurlley opened the public hearing for comment at 6:21 p.m.
      - Hurlley closed the public hearing for comment at 6:22 p.m.
- D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
- 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the May 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,135,049.29. Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 2) Treasurer’s Report
  - 3) Cole made a motion, seconded by Morrison to adjust some Electric Journeyman and Apprentice wage rates. Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 4) Cole made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the updated Youth Center Coordinator position description. Motion passed 6-0.
  - 5) Cole made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve the updated Youth Center Director position description. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Public Safety Committee Report-**Duggan reported the Police Chief is working with BASE for National Night out and looking into starting Coffee with a cop at local coffee shops in town. The call rate for the police department is up compared to last year, and the call rate for EMS is down compared to last year. Duggan also reported that EMS continues to wear PPE gear on calls and Chief Kessenich is looking in to critical incident debriefs for first responders because they are so impacted by what happens at those tragedies.

- F. **Municipal Services Report**- Brooks reported the committee discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> street projects, how they get along with neighboring townships and how they will handle future assessments and utility hook ups to homes that are not in the city yet. Brooks also reported they set a tentative timeline to begin switching to Northstar accounting system for the utility and for the city. Brooks expects the data gathering will come up late in the year, 90 day to process at WPPI. Then back in our office after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year with the 1<sup>st</sup> bill going out in February.
- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Lewis to approve Resolution 2021-12, The 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Motion passed 6-0
- G. **Economic Development Committee**-Brooks reported the committee discussed Dollar General and how it will affect the Gateway Plan. The Committee also discussed the Energy Independence team and the drive to carbon neutrality in the future. Brooks also reported the committee received an update on the Gold Shovel statues for the 12 acre plot on County Hwy M.
- H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report**-Morrison reported Julie Hermanson of the AWARE program is wanting to conduct a scavenger hunt which would involve leaving clues to break a code on a safe that would be placed in the Park. No dates have been set. The blue line for pickle ball have been painted on the tennis courts and is ready for play. Renly reported the plans that were submitted for the dam repair will need to be adjusted due to some possible safety concerns. The grant will not cover any portion of the aesthetics of the wall only the structural integrity. Any additional cost for the aesthetics for the wall will have to be covered by the city. Renly is waiting for estimates to come in over the next couple of weeks. Renly anticipates that the dam repair will need to be put off until next year because the wall will have to go to the State level for approval from a historic perspective.
- Morrison also reported the dog park and the fencing has been approved with conditions of landscaping and trees. Dye test was done by roto-rooter examining the 8 inch pipe from the well to the valve and there were no cracks found. Sergeant reported that the radar testing was completed and the conclusion is that there is probably a small void under the pool which is an item that could be of concern in tonight discussion. There is a potential repair that Renly has put together which is about \$2,000 in cost and staff time to put rubberized tape over the seams to keep the pool full of water this year. Sergeant also reported that he spoke with Angie Olsen the Aquatic Director regarding pool opening schedule, staffing availability, swimming lessons and wages. Sergeant stated it's likely the pool will over budget even with a shorter season. If council decides to move forward with opening the pool it would take about a week for Renly to put the repair in place and about two weeks for the pool to be fully ready to be open to the public.
- 1) Discussion and Possible Action on Pool Reopening.
    - Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to direct staff to investigate the repair, the crack, the butyl tape and the liquid rubber repair of the cracks and to proceed to open the pool if the crack repair proves effective. Motion passed 5-1.
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission**-Morrison reported the following:
- 1) **259 W Liberty**-Fence application approved with the condition that it is a non-embossed material.
  - 2) **115 N Second**-Fence application passed

- 3) **409 S First-Deck** proposed that was passed
- 4) **328 W Main-Roof & gutters** passed
- 5) **20 Mill St**-The owner is interested in demolition and reconstruction this is a continuing conversation, no action taken.
- J. **Fire District Report**-Brooks reports the district received a grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources that is almost \$14,000, most of these funds will be used for radios and equipment for the new brush truck that is to be ordered in July. Brooks also reported that he Fire Chief as well as three other responding chiefs that responded to the wreck on Memorial Day have scheduled an after action debriefing for all four departments. There were 17 firefighters on the site of that accident, and it's very important that they have access to the EAP.
- K. **Police Commission Report**-Did not meet
- L. **Energy Independence Team Report**-Did not meet
- M. **Board of Appeals Report**-Did not meet
8. **Unfinished Business**-None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**-Sergeant reported the Community Development Director Job applications will be reviewed and the process will unfold in the next two or three weeks. Sergeant is researching heavily with the help of the Finance Committee and the City Engineers some of the potential COVID relief money and how it can and cannot be used. Sergeant continues to work with Julie Roberts and Ehlers on the borrowing process which should be going to finance and council next month.
  - A. Discussion and interest of Alderman attending the WPPI Energy Annual Meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and The Wisconsin League of Municipalities Annual Conference October 20-22, 2021.
  - B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve aquatic center, park and splashpad contract with MSA Professional Services. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**
  - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Committee Aldermanic Appointment of Ald. Gene Lewis to the Historic Preservation Commission replacing Ald. Morrison. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
11. **New Business**-None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**-None
13. **Meeting Reminder**
  - A. Regular meeting July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m., location to be determined
14. **Adjourn**-Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk