

**City of Evansville**  
**Common Council Regular**  
**Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI  
53536  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the packet and agenda are available at  
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**Minutes**

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurtley at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**- Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Dianne Duggan, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, Erica Stuart, Rick Cole and Ben Ladick. Others present: City Administrator Jason Sergeant, City Clerk Darnisha Haley, City Treasurer Julie Robert, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Greg Johnson from Ehlers, and members of the general public.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings and approve as presented. Motion passed 7-0
5. **Civility reminder**-Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed**-None
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report**- Haley read the report prepared by Library Director Megan Kloeckner as follows:  
General Updates
    - Summer take-home kits are a hit. In June, we created 303 kits for all ages, and 292 were picked up.
    - Storytime returns tomorrow and will be held outside, weather permitting. Registration is required to ensure proper social distancing.
    - A new Assistant Director will start next week pending a successful background check.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report**- Haley read the report prepared by Youth Center Committee Chair Susan Becker as follows:
    - The Open House has been moved to the Fall due to road and building construction projects
    - Becky has been in conversations with the roads project team regarding both angled parking lines painted all the way to Liberty Street/1st Street and a ramp in front of EYC for Aware's delivery needs. This area is very congested due to staff parking and parent drop off/pick-up.

Building revitalization:

- The building continues to have moisture problems in the basement and this is causing health concerns for Becky when she's in the building.
- Flooring install is on hold until existing flooring is tested for asbestos. Hopefully this will be done before opening!
- The mural is in progress and looking good! Ben Myers will re-paint several walls to freshen up the space.
- A new mission statement and conversations about fundraising will happen at this month's meeting next week.
- Becky and Susan are meeting with the new superintendent on 7/26 to discuss the EYC's mission and goals for the future. We hope to rebuild the partnership with the school district by establishing rapport from the start. Hopefully Jason will also be able to attend.

**C. Plan Commission Report**

- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve certified survey map to Motion to recommend to Common Council approval of certified survey maps to divide parcels 6-27-533.509, 6-27- 533.508, and 6-27-533.518 each into Two-family twin lots, finding that the applications are in the public interest and meet the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:
  - (i) The Municipal Services Committee reviews the final CSM
  - (ii) ADA Ramp is installed at northwest corner of Locust Ln and Stonewood Ct
  - (iii) Retaining wall constructed to City Engineers satisfaction at 540 Stonewood
  - (iv) Final CSM and joint cross access easement agreement is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds. Motion passed 7-0

**D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the June 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,029,986.39. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote
- 2) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the contract with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors for a Stormwater Utility Rate Study. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-15 A Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve Resolution 2021-14 A Resolution Authorizing \$795,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Project. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-16

A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,070,000 Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing of the bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- 6) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,225,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021B of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-18 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,450,000 General Obligations Promissory Notes, Series 2021C. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 8) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-19 A Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$795,000 General Obligation Sewerage bonds, Series 2021D. Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote, Ladick did not vote.
- 9) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Brooks to authorize the purchase of downtown holiday decorations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 10) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Res 2021-13, Approving Mid-Year Amendments to the 2021 Budget. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report-**Duggan reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend went really well and there were not unusually events to be worried about. Chief Reese and Lt. Jones are going through resumes to fill their open positions. The police department continues to work vandalism and car theft in the city. There have been six stolen vehicles of which three of them have been recovered. EMS is having issues with the size of the garage and they have discussed possibly installing a larger door.

Ron Gay (member of the public) suggested changing the placement of the door so that the ambulance can drive right in without any issues. Have them enter from the west and exit to the east or vice versa.

**F. Municipal Services Report-**

- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Ladick to approve the contract with 1848 Construction for the Municipal Services Maintenance garage expansion. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**G. Economic Development Committee-** Brooks reported that the committee discussed gold shovel status for the 12 acre plot on M and possible uses for that plot. The city would be amenable to trying to find a client that would take the whole

12 acres rather than break it up. There was also discussion on the Gateway properties at 170 E Church and 155 E Main and how that would connect in a future project.

**H. Parks and Recreation Board Report-** Morrison reported citizens appeared to talk about a potential skate park, they don't have a definitive design but they are working on improving the area in the park that use to be the third tennis court. Stuart also reported that work on the gates for the dog park began on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and should be coming within the next 3-4 weeks. The pool has opened for the season, rentals are only available for weekend events. The pool and park design contract with MSA has been approved.

**I. Historic Preservation Commission-**Lewis reported the following:

- 1) **116 Grove St-**Application to replace windows approved
- 2) **113 E Main-**Application to replace rear porch and stairs was approved
- 3) **108 E Main-** Discussion on vinyl siding on the side of building and a composite material on the front.
- 4) **Creek Wall-**Discussion on the creek wall updates and repairs that have been going back and forth to ensure it's cohesive throughout.

**J. Fire District Report-**Brooks reported there was an approved bid from Symdon for a brush truck chassis, take delivery of a Silverado and slide the brush truck body into the back. The plan is to keep the truck that is currently being used as a brush truck for transport when needed. Brooks also reported that one unit was sent to the chemtool fire for a couple of days. The barn fire east of town was an unreported intentional fire and the property owner had by counseled about reporting burns and that it is not legal to burn down your own building. The DNR is expected to provide more counseling. The next truck in rotation is the pumper which is set to be replaced in about 3 years.

**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**

- A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2021-07 Rezoning 6-27-559.500C and 6-27-533.515. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Ordinance 2021-06 Comprehensive Plan Amending Outlot 3 & Lot 15. Motion passed 7-0.

**9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator-**Sergeant reported that the Community Development Direct position was not filled, the interview process was conducted but was not able to reach an agreement with the applicant. The position has been reposted. The city received funds from the American Recovery Act funding, the funds have been put away until its clear how the funds can properly be spent.

- A. Discussion and interest of Alderman attending the following meetings

- 1) WPPI Energy Annual Meeting on September 16th, 2021- Registration deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>, Hotel Special Accommodations rate expires on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

[https://wppienergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WPPI\\_2021\\_annualmtg\\_invite-flyer\\_F.pdf](https://wppienergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WPPI_2021_annualmtg_invite-flyer_F.pdf)

- 2) The Wisconsin League of Municipalities Annual Conference October 20-22, 2021- Registration deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Hotel accommodation cutoff date is September 28<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.lwm-info.org/731/Annual-Conference>

**10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**-The Mayor reported he met with the new school administrator that went very well, they had a good discussion and believes they will be able to work together. The mayor also reported there was a neighbor dispute on E Main St, there was slurred language used and slurs written on the side of the house. The police went out, resident apologized, removed the slurs and stated that it had nothing to do with the LGBTQ community. The following residents commented on this incident:

- 1) Denise Paese
- 2) Jennifer Braun
- 3) Victoria Flynn

A. Discussion regarding virtual meetings and attendance.

**11. New Business**

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances**

- A. First reading of Ordinance 2021-08 Repeal and Replace Section 130 Division 16, Residential District Two (R-2)

**13. Meeting Reminder**

- A. Regular meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m.

**14. Adjourn**-Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 8:11p.m. Motion passed 7-0

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

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