

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurlley at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**- Members present: Mayor Bill Hurlley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Dianne Duggan, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, Erica Stuart, Ben Ladick, Rick Cole and Susan Becker. Others present: City Administrator Jason Sergeant, City Clerk Darnisha Haley, Police Chief Patrick Reese, Library Director Megan Kloeckner and City Attorney Mark Kopp, 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 8-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**- Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of August 10th 2021 meetings. There were minor adjustments made throughout. Motion pass 8-0.
5. **Civility reminder**-Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed**-None
7. **Celebratory swearing in of Officer Vincent Blom**
8. **Reports of Committees**
 - A. **Library Board Report**-Kloeckner read the Library Report as follows:
 - Summer Library Club ended last night: total kits picked up over the course of the summer was 855.
 - Music performer on the library's front lawn was very successful with 74 people in attendance.
 - Our program break has ended. This month you will see the return of programs such as Storytime and Mover & Makers. We will also be offering a T-Rex Socially Distanced Tea Party. We are working on planning for the rest of the fall to include both in-person and virtual program options.
 - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report**-Becker reported the carpeting is being installed. The AWARE organization is currently using the Youth Center to store some of their items.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report**-Nothing to Report
 - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
 - 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the August 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,984,625.30. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 2) The 2022 Draft Budget was distributed for preliminary review, this will be discussed in a special meeting later this month.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report**-Duggan reports there was discussion on pedestrian crosswalks and car traffic. Reese reported the police dept. is looking at other options for pedestrian crosswalk initiatives. Sergeant stated there was a safety study done on Main St and there is further implementation to be done. Reese will meet with Renly to discuss further implementation.
- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the Original Alcohol Beverage License application for a Class B Beer/Class B Liquor License for: **Whiskey Throttle Bar, Grill & Pizzeria Inc. DeeAnna K Straub, Agent, N3938 Cty Rd F, Brodhead, WI 53520, d/b/a Whiskey Throttle, 50 Union Street, Evansville WI 53536.** Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. **Municipal Services Report**-Brooks reports that Water & Light is back to putting in the new water meters in preparation for the transition to Northstar early next year. Due to chip shortages there's a problem getting the meters needed to do replacements. The guys are currently looking for alternate sourcing but there's discussion that Northstar transition may have to be pushed back. Brooks also reported the new building cost has gone up due to increased prices of materials, this is included in the 2022 budget.
- G. **Economic Development Committee**-Brooks reported the committee discussed the budget and that Brandon Rutz was brought on as a consultant to assist with working through some of the economic development issues that are backlogged.
- H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report**- Morrison reported there was discussion on a citizen's request to have a memorial bench placed in the park. Park maintenance is winding down for the season. Currently looking at the Geese Aware lights to determine if they need to be repaired or replaced. The Lake Leota Dam repair is waiting for DNR input and repair work for the creek walls and duck house continues as scheduled. The dog park is up and running and getting regular use. Beyond the Willow has contacted the city about the possibility of donating benches for the dog park.
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission**-Lewis reported the following:
- 1) 239 W Liberty-Porch extension discussion
- 2) 116 Grove-Windows Application- Tabled
- 3) 126 Garfield-Fence & Porch Application-Tabled
- 4) 32 W Main-Windows-Tabled
- 5) 217 W Main-Shed- Citizen Appearance, Application Approved
- 6) 20 Mill St-Demolition and Reconstruction discussion
- J. **Fire District Report**-Brooks reported there were two open houses held to attract new firefighters. There were five (5) contracts signed, all five have at least some firefighter experience. This puts us right at 35 total firefighters. Brooks also reported there was discussion on reinspection fees, and the committee is looking to adopt reinspection fees on the 3rd visit. The annual Evansville Fire District Spaghetti dinner will be October 3rd and will probably be held by drive through again this year.
- K. **Police Commission Report**- Did not meet
- L. **Energy Independence Team Report**-Did not meet

M. **Board of Appeals Report**-Did not meet

9. **Unfinished Business**

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Ordinance 2021-08 Repeal and Replace Section 130 Division 16, Residential District Two (R-2). Motion passed 8-0

B. Discussion on fundraising for a Police K-9

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**-Sergeant reported the following:

- Met with citizen who is a transportation engineer and volunteered to do some research on the Wisconsin Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) to see if there is any possibility for an impact with the program.
- The PSC has provided preliminary findings on the water rate case. Sergeant will be meeting with Johnson Block to interpret the findings and will report back on the findings in the future.
- The 2022 Draft Budget was provided for review and will be discussed at a later date.
- MSA provided a handout of their monthly updates for Westside Park, aquatic center and splash pad.
- Baker Street will be scheduling a meeting with potential members for a feasibility study.

11. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**- Hurtley would like to say Thank You to Angie Olsen and the rest of the poll staff for this season. He would also like to say Thank You to the Water & Light staff for their Customer Appreciation Day.

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to appoint Committee Aldermanic Appointment of Ald. Ladick to the Housing Authority board. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

B. Brooks made a motion, Seconded by Stuart to appoint Greg Vossekuill to a five-year term to the Evansville Youth Center Board. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

12. **New Business**-None

13. **Introduction of New Ordinances**-None

14. **Meeting Reminder**

A. Regular meeting October 12th, 2021 6:00 p.m.

B. Budget meeting will be announced for later this month.

15. **Closed session**: Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan that Common Council convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Upon completion, Common Council will not reconvene in open session. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote at 7:03p.m.

The recording and livestream was stopped at this time.

No action was taken during closed session and the meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

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