Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 6:30 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 6:32 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Gene Lewis, James Montgomery, Erika Stuart, Matt Brown and Josh Manring. Alderpersons Ben Ladick was absent. Other present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, and Development Director Jason Sergeant.
3. Approval of Agenda. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda. Motion approved 7-0.

1. Approval of Minutes. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve the minutes of the September 13 and October 1 meetings as printed. Motion approved 7-0.
2. Civility reminder. Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
3. Citizen appearances. Rock County Treasurer candidate Wendy Stewart spoke briefly to the council and attendees about her qualifications as Treasurer. She has a degree in mathematics and economics, is working towards her CPA and has considerable knowledge in investment.
4. Reports of Committees
   1. Library Board Report. Kloeckner was absent and Rigg stated he would forward her report to Council.
   2. Youth Center Advisory Board Report. Brooks reported that the Mayor visited the kids last month and they center went on their first field trip for the school year yesterday.
   3. Plan Commission Report. Manring reported that the commission discussed the ordinances currently on the agenda for first reading.
   4. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report. Montgomery reported they are starting to work on the budget.
      1. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Manring to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of $1,105,211.66. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
      2. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve service agreement with ARAMARK. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
      3. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve contract with Ehlers to amend TID 8. Rigg said this was to allow donations from TID 8 to TID 5 to make TID 5 whole. The amount in the contract is in the 2017 budget. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
      4. Rigg gave a brief recount of the changes made in the budget by the finance committee. Rigg said the goal was to get the mill rate to $6.99 and a little more work is needed because the impact TIF had on the mill rate was unexpected. Stuart questioned the idea of cutting the study for Westside Park. Brooks asked about how the damage to the Night Owl may affect TID 5. Manring said there may be other alternatives to reducing costs like sharing the server and using a grant for the police vehicle.
      5. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve an employment contract with Jay Koehler for the position of Police Lieutenant. Rigg stated that the City’s labor attorney reviews this contract. Rigg explained that this was to reduce the need for the supervisor’s union and provide similar protections for the Lieutenant position. Differences noted were the ability to be paid out vacation time, phone compensation was altered, and the language in the contract better matches the City Policy Manual. Brooks asked if this came from the Chief or the Finance and Labor Committee. Manring said the Finance Committee wanted to move this direction. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
      6. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Manring to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Evansville Police Department and Wisconsin Professional Police Association for the term of January 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2019. Rigg stated that the City’s labor attorney reviews this contract. Rigg explained the exchanges of benefits. The City received more flexibility in scheduling and ended shift command pay, while the employees received two extra floating holidays and an increase in longevity. Looking at what other communities provide, Rigg felt the total package was competitive with similar communities. Rigg noted Article 4, section 1 of the contract allows the City to choose whether to hire internally or externally for an open position. Kopp felt it was not as clear as it could be. Manring, then Montgomery, withdrew their motion. Brooks made a motion to table the item and Stuart seconded. Motion approved 7-0.
   5. Public Safety Committee Report.
      1. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve the Original Alcohol Beverage License application for a Class “A” Beer/“Class A” Liquor License for Olin Oil Co., Inc., Kristin Olin Olmedo, Agent, 603 E. 2nd Ave, Brodhead, WI 53520, d/b/a Evansville Gas N Go, 350 Union Street, Evansville, WI 53536. Motion approved 7-0.
      2. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Evansville Police Department and the Rock County 911 Communications Center. Motion approved 7-0.
      3. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve rate increase with LifeQuest billing services. Rigg stated that this was to simplify the billing that will work with the following agreements. Rigg stated it will also increase the rates since 2014 to match other services. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
      4. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve ambulance restocking program assistance with St. Mary’s Hospital in Janesville. Rigg said this will allow the EMTs to restock disposable items from the hospital that will be billed tot eh patient through the hospital, reducing City paperwork and costs. Motion approved 7-0
      5. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve ambulance restocking program assistance with Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center in Janesville. Motion approved 7-0.
   6. Municipal Services Report. Brooks reported the meeting was routine. The committee discussed waste water, the budget, lead pipe replacement, and west side development.
   7. Economic Development Committee Report. Lewis reported on working with media for economic development. Lewis mentioned the committee had a long discussion with the Chamber of Commerce. He said that would be nice to have some kind of partnership.
   8. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.
   9. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Rigg reported that the committee mostly discussed the budget and the outcome of the Super Pass. The City sold all 50 of their passes but not all staff and communities participating tracked the use.
   10. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Last meeting was short.
   11. Fire District Report. Montgomery reported that the budget for the Fire Department did not pass because they did not have actuals reported in the budget. The City was paying more due to an increase in equalized value.
   12. Police Commission Report. No report.
   13. Energy Independence Team Report. No report.
   14. Board of Appeals Report. No report.
5. Unfinished Business
   1. Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Cole to adoptOrdinance 2016-16 Amending Chapter 126 of the Municipal Code, Section IV, Stormwater Utility. Rigg mentioned that this change was to have the ordinance reflect the credit manual passed last month. Motion approved 7-0.
   2. Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Cole to adopt Ordinance 2016-17, Amending Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code, Abandonment Prohibited. Kopp stated that this ordinance change will make it easier to enforce. Motion approved 7-0.
6. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator. ICMA conference was good and useful. Rigg thanked the Council for approving his travel and attendance. Rigg attended trainings and tours focused on stormwater management, IT solutions, management styles, recruitment, and efficiencies of service.
7. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor
   1. Brooks moved and Manring seconded the **a**ppointment of Abbey Barnes, 455 Jefferson St, Oregon WI, to complete the unfinished term of Gene Bass on the Economic Development Committee**.** Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
   2. Brooks moved and Manring seconded the appointment of James Espinosa, 115 Joshua Drive, Evansville WI, to complete the unfinished term of Gerry Hels on the Park Board. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
   3. The Mayor wanted to thank City Hall staff for dealing with the many issues and cross training that is going on.
8. New Business.
   1. Brooks made a motion to approve appointment of additional Election Inspectors for 2016-2017, Montgomery seconded. Motion approved 7-0.
9. Introduction of New Ordinances
   1. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2016-19, an Ordinance Adopting the 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets and Setting Tax Levies (sponsors Montgomery and Cole).
   2. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2016-10, an ordinance amending and renaming chapter 46 of the municipal code regulating property maintenance.
   3. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2016-18, an ordinance amending chapter 130 to allow chicken keeping
10. Meeting Reminders
    1. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 6:30 p.m., City Hall
    2. Budget Hearing: Thursday, November 10, 2016 6:00 p.m., City Hall
11. Adjournment. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.

Ian Rigg, City Administrator/Finance Director