

**Common Council  
Special Meeting**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

In response to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually to ensure the safety of members and the public. Attendance was through a virtual meeting at <https://meet.google.com/rfy-gbnp-bpd> and also available by phone at 1-920-476-8256, PIN 355 717 525#.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Brooks at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Dianne Duggan, Bill Lathrop, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, and Erika Stuart (muted at meetings' start). Mayor Bill Hurtley was absent. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, Utility and Finance Accountant Julie Roberts, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, Chief of Police Patrick Reese, Police Detective Sergeant Jessica Rittenhouse, and Municipal Services Director Chad Renly.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Duggan made a motion, seconded by Ladick to remove Item 6B and approve the agenda. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None.
6. **New Business**
  - A. Duggan made a motion, seconded by Ladick to approve agreement with Badgerland Disposal LLC for solid waste handling and recycling.

Rigg explained we would start with a 5 year contract with the potential to extend the contract 7 or 10 years. Brooks questioned whether the transition and container switching would take place around Christmas time and Rigg replied that yes it would. Badgerland will send notices to all properties. Lathrop asked if the city was paying for new containers and Rigg responded that the cost is included in their contract price.

Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
  - ~~B. Motion to approve transition agreement between the City of Evansville and Judy Walton.~~
  - C. Rigg presented the 2021 Budget Draft. Currently we need to cut \$124,201 from the budget to maintain a mill rate of no more than \$8.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. We are still waiting for final revenue numbers from the state, final TID increment amounts, and the outcome of the referendum. The unrestricted cash reserve for the general fund has approximately \$150,000 available per fiscal policies.Questions and comments from Council included:
  - Brooks requesting to not cut body armor and cameras.

- Morrison asked if constructing missing sidewalks was in the budget for the reconstruction project south of Liberty Street to Old Highway 92? Per Renly, yes they are, and the cost will be assessed to the property owner. Any properties outside the city would be assessed but the cost will not be paid until they become part of the city.
- Lathrop asked what the plan is to get input from residents on the pool concept. Rigg replied that as COVID lifts we can have in-person meetings and have the architects handle it. The plan is to have grading done in the fall of 2021, Phase 1 in 2022, and Phase 2 in 2023. Brooks suggested having zoom meetings for the public.
- Regarding purchasing multiple mowers, Lathrop asked if there was any opportunity to combine mowers. Renly explained that it is hard to do because the parks need a large mower and the cemetery needs a smaller one. Rigg added that mowing is weather dependent so many times a number of employees are mowing at the same time.
- Brooks asked if the chloride reduction program was in the budget and Rigg replied that it was not included. That program would not affect the levy though.

For long term revenue solutions, Rigg suggested diverting up to \$175,000 in taxes to user fees in the utilities during the water rate case in 2021 and to review permit fees.

7. **Adjournment.** Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion approved 8-0.

Judy Walton, City Clerk