

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Special Budget Hearing Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
Thursday, November 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll call:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
<b>Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes</b>	<b>P</b>	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
<b>Aldersperson, Jim Brooks</b>	<b>P</b>	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
<b>Aldersperson, Ben Corridon</b>	<b>P</b>	Julie Roberts, City Treasurer
<b>Mayor, Dianne Duggan</b>	<b>P</b>	Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
<b>Aldersperson, Ben Ladick</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Aldersperson, Gene Lewis</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Aldersperson, Joy Morrison</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Aldersperson, Corey Neeley</b>	<b>P</b>	
<b>Aldersperson, Erika Stuart</b>	<b>P</b>	

3. **Motion to approve the revised agenda as presented, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed 7-0.**
4. **Civility reminder:** Duggan noted the City’s commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.
5. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed:**

**Gene Lewis, 354 Union Street** - has lived in his home since 1992. Lewis states neighbor, Evansville Gas has recently installed high intensity flood lights, lights that illuminate his entire property and beyond. Lewis gave comedic device reference to Christmas Vacation when the neighbors were blinded. Lewis acknowledges Plan Commission has enforcement measures for new construction. However, Lewis believes there is need for Council to create a smart and strong ordinance for new and existing businesses to prevent this from happening.

Neeley, aided the conversation by addressing the city should set precedence with streetlights being dark sky compliant. There was additional discussion with Sergeant about an ordinance that he had proposed a number of years ago in regards to dark-sky compliance. There was discussion to reevaluate that proposal and dark sky compliance at this time.

6. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
    - 1) **Public Hearing: 2024 Operational Budget**
      - i) **Staff Summary:** Sergeant explained that this budget will restore hiring for an apprentice Lineworker for the electric utility. There is an addition for a full-time Police Officer, while reducing their part-time officers from 4 to 1. The Capital Plan has no dollar changes, just more clarification on the items that will be purchased.
      - ii) **Public Hearing: Duggan opened Public Hearing for the Budget at 6:12 p.m.**  
After hearing no discussion, **Duggan closed Public Hearing for the Budget at 6:13 p.m.**

iii) **Final discussion by Council:** None

iv) **Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-38, Adopting 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Setting Tax levies, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

B. **Motion to approve the Evansville EMS Intergovernmental Agreement 2024, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

C. **Motion to remove references to Municipal Code Section 1.03 (9) from the Employee Handbook, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed 7-0.**

Sergeant explained that after the handbook was approved, he had decided to double check some reference items and found that there was one that has never existed going back to at least 1970's.

7. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant explained that he provided the Friday Report, as no one had received it with the email conversion to Microsoft from Google. There was additional discussion about the email conversion.
8. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Duggan thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. Duggan also gave some insights to upcoming meetings and gatherings.
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Introduction of New Ordinances**
  - A. **First Reading of Ordinance 2023-15. Amending Chapter 130 Zoning. Read by Brooks.**
11. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
  - A. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.
  - B. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
  - C. City Holiday Gathering Creekside, Friday, December 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
12. **Closed Session: Motion that the Common Council shall convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin statutes to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position. Upon completion, the Common Council will reconvene in open session, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
13. **Reconvene into Open Session: Motion to reconvene into Open Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(2) for possible discussion and/or action concerning any matter discussed in closed session.**
14. **Adjourn. Duggan adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Elle Natrop*