

City of Evansville **Municipal Services Committee**  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 5:00 pm

**MINTUES**

**1. Call to Order: 5:00 PM**

**2. Roll Call: Present: Alder. Joy Morrison, Alder Ben Ladick, Absent: Adler Jim Brooks.**

Also in Attendance: Donna Hammett, Scott Kriebs, Dale Roberts, Kerry Lindroth, Dianne Duggan, Nick Bubolz and Jason Sergeant.

**3. Motion to Approve Agenda: Morrison/Ladick 2-0**

**4. Motion to Waive the reading of the Minutes from the February 20, 2024, meeting and approve them as printed. Morrison/Ladick 2-0 with corrections to 8C, 9A & B**

**5. Civility Reminder**

**6. Citizen appearances: None**

**7. New Business**

**A. Quarterly review and discussion of staff approved sewer adjustments (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct): None**

**B. Disconnection Update: Disconnected 4 commercial accounts. 2 remain off currently.**

**C. Discuss ATC Easement Purchase: ATC wants to purchase 40 more feet of easement in Grand Orchard Estates, Kriebs walked the area and did not see a problem.**

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Evansville Youth Center Conditions Assessment:**  
Sergeant went over the Conditions Assessment to show what work would need to be done, the cost of doing that work, and the cost of building a new building. There are issues with the structural support, electrical and heating. Bottom line there needs to be something about the building. The EYC building is in the Historic District and would need to be structurally sound regardless of who occupies it. The Youth Center Board recommended to Council to close the Center on May 10th. There will be further discussion with the Aware office and the space they occupy. There was additional discussion about relocating the Youth Center to a temporary location.

**Motion to recommend to Council to approve condition report and close the center on May 10, 2024. Morrison/Ladick 2-0**

**8. Administrative Staff Report**

Sergeant shared that Version Wireless has been looking to install their antenna on the water tower and have decided that our tower cannot hold it and are coming up with another plan.

**A. Parks & Recreation Report: Soccer nets have been moved to the Cemetery space; bathrooms will be delivered April 1<sup>st</sup> for the soccer games at the Cemetery. Roberts is**

work on getting a quote for overlay for the circle road around the ball diamond and possibly the hill also.

**B. NorthStar Update:** Hammett stated that NorthStar conversion has been going well. There have been challenges with PSN that have caused it to feel a little overwhelming, at times. My Account has been up and running since March 12<sup>th</sup> and we have been able to help the few customers that have had issues with the new program. We have had several payments returned due to wrong routing and/or checking account numbers entered when setting up their payment information on My Account. As a result, they are not getting charged returned payment fees. We have had great support from WPPI and our trouble-shooting tickets have been answered quickly. Now that NorthStar has been implemented, new policies and procedures are being revised to align with the software provisions.

## 9. City Engineer Report

**A. Subdivision and Development Updates:** The Standpipe development has started with 2 foundations. Settlers' Grove final agreements have been hashed out.

**B. Roadway Construction Updates:** Work for Walker Street should be starting the week of April 15, 2024, with Almeron following. Preliminary Assessments are being mailed this week to residents. Bubolz is going to be scheduling a pre-construction meeting with the contractor in the first week in April.

**C. Lake Leota Dam Project Updates (Placeholder):** Jewel has been running this project and it looks like bids were opened Friday. The one bidder Lunda Construction and are experience in dam work. Currently there has been no timeline set.

**10. WPPI Energy Service Manager Report:** (Hammett read Jacobson's report) Met with BlueScope Wednesday afternoon. Talked through what they had done for projects in the past and future projects. They may look to renovate or redo their building on Water St in the future. They may also look to expand in the back of their current property. Plans to add more concrete where there is gravel. This would include many more parking lot lights. They have had some appetite for solar, but their higher ups have denied 3 different proposals of different sizes over the years. Sent them some info on WPPI's New Construction Design program if they did any new build in the back or major renovation to the front. Also talked through MyAccount and the benefits and features.

- Meeting with Larson Acres on Monday. They want to discuss what benefits they are receiving by changing to be Primary Metered. They also want to talk about a potential Wind Turbine. I will be bringing a Focus On Energy rep with me. Will also extend invite to Scott and Kerry.
- Met with Jason about CHS and ensuring that the city has everything they need from WPPI. We will continue to have these discussions as we move forward with the project.
- The high school is getting closer to starting installation of a solar project. Tom from Midwest solar reached out to Scott and Kerry earlier this month, but it appears to have stalled out for now.
- Two other residential solar projects are live now.

- Working with Scott to refine the solar application process from beginning to end so everyone is on the same page. This bridges across many areas including myself, office staff, inspectors, and electric staff. WPPI continues to work on getting an online portal available.
- There will be some changes to the solar PSC119 rules that change how we view application fees and other fees associated with having a solar project approved before installation.
- MyAccount went live early March. I will continue to reach out to the key accounts to let them know and offer to provide training and education to them.

## **11. Old Business**

- A. Aquatic Center, Splash pad, and Park Improvement Updates (Placeholder):** Pool will be turned over to the City May 21, 2024.

## **12. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at 5:00pm**

## **13. Motion to Adjourn: Morrison/Ladick 2-0**