

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Colette Spranger, Comm. Dev. Director
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Bronna Lehman, Library Director
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Chris Jones, Police Lieutenant
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Mitchell Trow, DNR Fisheries Technician
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	A	Laura Mays, Stoughton Hospital Gene Heiman, Citizen Julie Paton, Citizen Roger Berg, Developer Steve & Connie Burhans, Citizens

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda, with adding 6B DNR and 6C Evansville Community Partnership by Neeley, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**

Brooks made correction to item 6B adding “to serve”.

5. **Civility Reminder:** Duggan noted the City’s commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.

6. **Citizen Appearances** (Public comments on items on the agenda not requiring a public hearing and on matters which can be affected by Council action.)

A. **Stoughton Hospital Presentation:** Mays shared that Stoughton Health wants to be more involved with the community of Evansville. Mays noted Stoughton Health wants to have more groups reach out if they need any sponsorships. Stoughton Health currently sponsors local baseball programs and are involved with B.A.S.E.

B. **DNR:** Trow was present to announce the closure of the fishing at Lake Leota. The fishing will be closed due to the drawdown of the lake to address the repairs needed at the dam spillway. Trow informed Council that Kyle Johnson is the Game Warden in this area and Johnson should be contacted if active fishing can be seen.

C. **Evansville Community Partnership:** EPC President Jim Brooks issued an appreciation for City Council and Staff for the support for the July 4th events that just concluded. Lt. Jones reported this year was the lowest amount of overtime that was used for the police presence during the celebration in many years.

7. Reports of Committees:

- A. **Library Board Report:** Lehman read from her written report: General Updates: We are taking applications to fill a Library Clerk position through July 20th. Information can be found on the library's website. The Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social was very successful. We appreciate all their hard work and the community's support of this fundraiser. The Friends book sale will be August 1-3 in the lower level of the Grange building. Program Updates: We are very pleased with the participation in our summer reading program. There are over 150 children and teens participating along with over 100 adults. Our Tuesday morning performer series attracted large crowds of 75, 78, 101, 102, and 140. We thank the Prairie Lakes Library System for their coordination and financial support of these programs. Events in July include a repeat of a very popular tie-dye program, Virtual Reality Thursdays for teens, and a stuffed animal sleepover with Big Bear, a 7' teddy bear who is visiting for a few weeks. There will also be escape room programs for kids and teens in early August.
- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Neeley reported that there will be a senior project for a youth show with Evansville Underground Music. There was some discussion for kayak storage, the Non-Resident aquatic admission, and the dwindling participation numbers in youth baseball.

C. Plan Commission Report:

- 1) **Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2024-04: An Ordinance Updating Certain Sections of Chapter 130 (Zoning) by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**

Spranger shared the information that was outlined in the staff report. There was additional discussion about the building location on a lot for convenience stores. There were some scriber errors in 130-419(c) and 130-799(3).

- 2) **Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2024-05: An Ordinance Updating Divisions 12 through 15 and Introducing Section 130-1306 to Chapter 130 (Zoning) by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**

Spranger covered the information that is included in the staff report. There was additional discussion on exterior lighting, enforcement, and penalties.

- 3) **Motion to Approve the Land Division Application LD-2024-06 for a preliminary and final plat on parcel 6-27-553.504 (Lot 4, Stonewood Grove)**

- i) Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments
- ii) Plan Commissioner Questions and Comments
- iii) Motion with Conditions as written in staff report

Motion by Neeley, seconded by Brooks.

Motion to Amend the Motion to include the conditions as written in the Staff Report by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion to Amend passed 6-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.

Motion passed with the Amendment 6-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.

- 4) **Motion to Approve the Land Division Application LD-2024-07 for a preliminary and final plat on parcel 6-27-965 and RZ-2024-02 to rezone Lot 1 of that plat to B-1 Local Business (123 N. Fifth Street)**

- i) Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments
- ii) Questions and Comments
- iii) Motion with Conditions as written in staff report

Motion with adding the Conditions as written in the Staff Report by Neeley, seconded by Brooks.

Motion to Amend the Motion to add the condition that the adoption of Ordinance

2024-06 by Corridon, seconded by Neeley. Motion to Amend passed 7-0.

Motion passed with the Amendment 7-0.

- 5) Motion to Approve the Rezoning Application RZ-2024-03 to rezone Lot 7 of the Historic Standpipe Point subdivision plat to B-1 Local Business and Land Division Application LD-2024-08 for a preliminary and final plat to divide that lot into 3 separate lots on parcel 6-27-396.207 (N. Fourth Street)

- i) Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments
- ii) Questions and Comments
- iii) Motion with Conditions as written in staff report

Motion with adding the Conditions as written in the Staff Report by Neeley, seconded by Brooks.

Motion to Amend to include the condition that the adoption of Ordinance 2024-07 by Corridon, seconded by Neeley. Motion to Amend passed 6-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.

Motion passed with the Amendment 6-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

- 1) Motion to Accept the June 2024 City bills in the amount of \$1,458,290.23 by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.

There was some discussion on the Housing Capital Improvement funds and the Park and Pool Improvement allocations.

E. Public Safety Committee Report: Did Not Meet.

- F. Municipal Services Report:** Brooks reported that there was discussion on the dam and the street project on Walker and Almeron. There was additional discussion on the electrical bills. The rearranges have come down from \$219,000 in April to \$65,000 in May and \$43,000 in June.

- G. Economic Development Committee:** Brooks reported that the meeting surrounded the upcoming Workforce Summit.

H. Youth Center Advisory Board Report: Did Not Meet.

- I. Historic Preservation Commission:** Lewis reported that there were applications for replacing a garage door at 33 N First. 30 Railroad replacing the original siding with vinyl due to the condition of the original siding. Staff issued approvals for reroofs and for replacing vinyl windows with the same materials.

- J. Fire District Report:** Brooks issued a reminder that the 150 year celebration will be on August 10th. There was discussion for a resolution on the County ARPA money for tornado affected families.

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:** None.

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:**

- A. Motion to Approve Agreement for 155 E Main by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.

Sergeant explained the agreement is for Twisted Cone to renting the lot for \$100 per month. The Twisted Cone will take care of the lot and exchange be able to put tables on the City grass property.

- B. *Motion to Approve Agreement with AWARE by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.*

Sergeant explained that there was a revised copy that was handed out. Sergeant outlined the history of the verbal agreements and the current proposed agreement that will formalize and guarantee funds for AWARE.

- ~~C. *Notice of Lake Leota Drawdown and No Fishing Starting July 5th*
Move to agenda item 6B~~

11. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**

Duggan issued an appreciation for the work that Evansville Community Partnership under the guidance of Brooks, had put into the July 4th festivities at Lake Leota. Duggan also gave appreciation of the efforts of Sergeant while finding opportunities for the Youth of Evansville.

12. **New Business:**

- A. *Motion to Approve Ordinance 2024-08 to Amend Chapter 122 Creating Article XII – Relating to All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Operation Routes and Establishing Penalties for Violation Thereof by Neeley, seconded by Barnes. Motion failed 0-7.*

Duggan explained that this item is a direct legislation petition meaning there is no opportunity to make adjustments to the Ordinance. If the Ordinance is not approved by Council, it will go to referendum on the November ballot. There was discussion on the cost of signage, the lack of application of wheel tax, and potential fines. Additional discussion regarding safety were discussed, including OWI arrests vs. DNR citations.

13. **Introduction of New Ordinances:**

- A. **First Reading Ordinance 2024-06 Rezoning Territory from Residential District One (R-1) to Local Business District (B-1) on Lot 1 of a CSM dividing parcel 6-27-965.** Read by Neeley.
- B. **First Reading Ordinance 2024-07 Rezoning Territory from Residential District One (R-1) to Local Business District (B-1) on Lot 7 of the Historic Standpipe Point subdivision plat (parcel ID 6-27-396.207).** Read by Neeley.

14. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

15. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.