

City of Evansville  
**Municipal Services Committee**  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:00 pm

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Committee Chair Jim Brooks, Alder. Cory Neeley, Alder. Lita Droster absent  
  
**Also in Attendance:** Donna Hammett, Scot Kriebs, Dale Roberts, Ben Corridon, Jason Sergeant, Nick Bubolz
3. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Neeley/Brooks 2-0 Motion Carries.
4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the Minutes from the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting and approve them as printed:** Neeley/Brooks 2-0 Motion Carries.
5. **Civility Reminder**
6. **Citizen Appearances**
  - A. **Ben Corridon-** Corridon of 29 W Liberty Street brought forward his concerns about the TDS fiber service in town. Corridon had spoken to the City Clerk about the issue. Currently TDS is working outside of town, and it is believed that the issue stems from this. Corridon reported that he has had 5 internet outages in as many months. While Corridon has called TDS several times to rectify this, customer service doesn't seem to know anything. The service department will report that the outage will be fixed but with no time frame given. Corridon would like to know if the city could intervene and do something about the problems. Brooks and Neeley both stated that because TDS is not regulated and a private company the city is unable to do much by law. Mr. Corridon is going to have to continue calling TDS or switch to one of the other internet services available.
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Electric and Water Utility**
  - A. **Monthly Usage and Outage Reports:** Enclosed in the packet were usage reports for Electric, Water Pumped and Wastewater. Discussion about water pumping and the bulk water being pumped by the Hwy 59 crew. Kriebs stated that the pay as you pump station is on its way and should make things easier to track. Also enclosed was a detailed outage report for June so far. Discussion on the reports and over all outages look good, Brooks noted the vast improvement in outage control than what it was in the past. Kriebs stated this due to equipment improvement and reports like this one.
  - B. **Billing Adjustments and Disconnects:** Hammett presented the Disconnection report, 262 notices were sent, 96 Door knocker were hung, and 16 services were disconnected. There are still 3 accounts off for June. We have a total of 64 DPA's on file currently. The total dollar amount of past due accounts was \$43054.75, down from last month. Mr. Corridon asked what a DPA was, Hammett explained that they are Deferred Payment Agreements.

**C. Capital and Major Project Updates:** The Uptown project is almost done, have a couple of businesses that need to be switched over and then it will be just cleanup work and it can be closed out. The Hwy 59 project is done, and the pavement is being put down now.

**D. WPPI Energy Service Manager Report:** No Report

**E. Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve Pole Agreement with BlueScope.** Kriebs explained the purpose of the agreement was that Blue Scope wants to get rid of the pole that is their pole and in lieu of payment for the utility taking it down, Blue Scope will give the Pole to the utility. Motion to Approve the Pole Agreement with Blue Scope, Brooks/Neeley 2-0 Motion Carries.

## 9. Public Works

**A. Wastewater Utility Updates:** Hoping to do the INI testing soon, waiting for things to dry out.

**B. Stormwater Utility Updates:** Street Sweeper should be here in July.

**C. City Engineer Report:** For the Porter Road development, the curb has been poured and some of the grass on the north side has been restored. There is still work on paving the roadway to be completed. The Windmill development is working on permitting. The Walker Street/Almeron Street project should have underground utilities wrapped up by next week. Next the project will be moving on to Almeron Street, with the road paving coming up behind. Walker Street utilities have been a struggle due to utility services not previously documented properly. Once the road crew is done with Walker Street, they will be heading to West Side Park to pave the multi-use sport court. The concrete crew will begin working on the South Madison Street sidewalk repair, prior to moving to Walker Street to start concrete work there. There was an unplanned water outage on Cherry Street, there was an unknown valve issue at the Walker Street/Cherry Street intersection. Neeley asked about the bike path and the cracks in it already. Roberts stated that there are trees pushing it up, they will see what they can do for repairs.

**D. Capital and Major Project Updates:** Lake Leota Dam repair: Jewel & DNR have been going back and forth about how to solve the issue with sheet piling. One option is to draw down the lake, and there will be a limit on the drawdown per day. This process will take about 8-10 days. This will help the crew be able to do the work to repair the second spillway and then the lake will slowly be brought back up. We are just waiting for the final word from DNR. The crew working on the dam may have to pull the equipment out if a decision is not made soon.

## 10. Parks & Recreation Report

**A. Aquatic Center, Splash pad, and Park Improvement Updates (Placeholder):** The Splashpad opened on June 22, 2024, and has been reporting heavy use. The current usage is a little worrisome, but we can adjust the splashpad water rate and timing. The pool has been busy, and there is a need for more staff, due to Olsen's hours. But it is going very well and the revenue has surpassed what was estimated. The rest of the park work is waiting for the Dam Project to be finished. Roberts has the paving of Lake Leota's roads waiting. T-ball are having games at Larson Acres Park, but the soccer fields are not ready yet. There is a punch list a mile long and there are ongoing talks with MSA and CCI.

## 11. Old Business

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00pm**

**13. Adjournment: 5:54 pm**