

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	A	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	A	Julie Roberts, City Treasurer
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Bronna Lehman, Library Director
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Gene Lewis, Citizen/Aldersperson
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Brooks, seconded by Barnes. Motion passed 6-0.**
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting and Approve as presented by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 6-0.**
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. **Lewis:** Lewis shared his concerns regarding the contractor for the city’s refuse and recycling pick up for his bulk items and recycling by the garbage company.
7. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Library Board Report:** Lehman read from submitted written report: Nicole Shum, our new Library Clerk, started on August 12. We are now fully staffed. Golz Electric fixed malfunctioning exterior outlets and the lights above the 1st Street entry doors. Paul Davis Restoration was onsite to clean up water damage in the children’s area. We will be contracting with Zander Solutions to repair a foundation crack before replacing carpet and drywall. The City Administrator and City Engineer are looking at options to better direct water away from the south side of the building. Recently the Library Board initiated a project to develop an ongoing maintenance and repair plan for the library with particular focus on what is needed in the historic portion of the building. Destree Design Architects reported on their Building Condition Assessment to the Library Board and City Administrator on August 6th. They recommended several projects to be done immediately to deal with water infiltration issues. The Library Board approved these projects to be funded from their reserves. Other identified buildings maintenance projects will be evaluated for future work to ensure the structural stability and upkeep of our historic building. We wrapped up our summer reading program on August 10th with 201 children, 51 teens, and 120 adults participating. It has been a fun summer with lots of programs and books to enjoy. We thank the Friends of the Library, the Prairie Lakes Library System, and the Evansville Chamber for helping to sponsor our summer reading program. We will be taking a programming break for a few weeks to

prepare for fall Storytimes and other programs. This fall we are increasing our teen programming to have something specifically for teens every week.

B. Parks and Recreation Board Report: Did Not Meet.

C. Plan Commission Report:

1) *Motion to Approve 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 by Brooks, seconded by Barnes. Motion passed 6-0.*

2) *Motion to Approve 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)*

No Quorum with Geoffrion recused. Will place on agenda for next meeting.

3) *Motion to Approve the Land Division Application LD-2024-09 for a preliminary and final plat on parcels 6-27-842 and 6-27-844 (332 E Main and 15 Cemetery)*

i) Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments

ii) Plan Commissioner Questions and Comments

iii) Motion with Conditions as written in staff report

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 6-0.

4) *Motion to Approve the Land Division Application LD-2024-10 for a preliminary and final plat on parcel 6-27-553.521 (Lot 21, Stonewood Grove)*

i) Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments

ii) Plan Commissioner Questions and Comments

iii) Motion with Conditions as written in staff report

No Quorum, with Geoffrion recused. Will place on agenda for next meeting.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:

1) *Motion to Accept the July 2024 City bills in the amount of \$1,476,364.72 by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.*

2) **2nd Quarters Treasurers Report:** Roberts shared that there are no items that are concerning. Council had no questions for Roberts and she left the meeting.

E. Public Safety Committee Report:

1) *Motion to Approve the Original Alcohol Beverage License application for the Class "A" Beer / "Class A" Liquor License applications for:*

Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, LLC, Priscilla Santos, Agent, 6627 33rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142 d/b/a Family Dollar Store #24446, 28 County Highway M, Evansville, WI 53536

Motion by Stuart, seconded by Lewis. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

F. **Municipal Services Report:** Brooks shared that they had recommended to have a study done on the buildings at Leonard Leota Park. There was discussion on storm/wastewater expansion needs when CHS comes. WPPI annual meeting will occur September 18-20th in Wisconsin Dells.

G. **Economic Development Committee:** Brooks shared that there was discussion on subsidized housing as well as planning for the upcoming Work Force Development Summit.

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

I. **Historic Preservation Commission:** Lewis shared that the properties that they had discussed were: 223 S Third (Fence) 103 S Third (Gutters, Porch), 33 N First (Wood Windows), 321 W

Liberty (Outbuilding), 38 W Church (Re-roof), and 236 W Main (Gutters). There will also be another attempt for the Grant Application to complete a Carriage House Survey.

- J. **Fire District Report:** Brooks shared that the 150th Anniversary event was well attended. There were 2 appeals for bills for CO2 alarm calls that were responded to by the Fire District.
 - K. **Police Commission Report:** Did Not Meet.
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Brooks reported that the meeting occurred at the Police Department and included a tour.
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did Not Meet.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant gave updates on the Library Building and Larson Acres Park construction walk through. There was some discussion on the success of the summer at the Aquatic Center and the availability after the start of the school year.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**
- Duggan issued a thank you to Hurtley and the work that has been put in for the election. Duggan gave an update on the ATV/UTV legislation process.
- A. *Motion to Approve Rachel Davis, 13 N Wyler Dr., to the unexpired 5-year term of the Police Commission ending in 2026 by Brooks, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.*
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Budget Presentation Meeting, Thursday ~~September 19, 2024~~, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed potentially moving to September 26, 2024
 - C. League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference: October 23-25, 2024, Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI 53562
- Brooks shared that the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Seminar would be occurring at UW-Oshkosh on October 7th & 8th.
14. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm