

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, October 8, 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	P	Leah Hurlley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Bronna Lehman, Library Director
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	A	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Colette Spranger, Community Dev. Dir.
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Julie Roberts, City Treasurer/Utility Accountant
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda striking 7C1, by Neeley, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and September 26, 2024 Special Budget Meeting and Approve as Presented with corrections to “businesses” in 7C1 and “loss” in J, by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**
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.). None.
7. **Reports of Committees:**

A. **Library Board Report:** Lehman read from a written report:

General Updates:

- We are interviewing this week for the open Library Clerk position.
- As part of the maintenance and repair project that we are doing with Destree Design, Renaissance Historic Exteriors will be onsite October 10 to inspect the clay tile roof and to locate the source of the leak. In preparation, NAMI has replaced a small section of ductwork to open access to the attic.
- Zander Solutions epoxy sealed the concrete wall crack in the Children’s Area. We will be scheduling the drywall and carpet work to complete the repairs.
- Our ghost hunting kit has made the news. Eager Free Public Library was part of a Sept. 24 Washington Post article and was the cover story of the Oct. 7 Wisconsin State Journal.

Program Updates:

- We will have some of our new adult Spanish language collection on display at the free Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon and mariachi performance sponsored by Becoming Better Neighbors on Monday, 10/14, from 11-1.
- A Dia de los Muertos celebration on Nov. 1 from 2-4pm will introduce children to the Mexican tradition of honoring deceased loved ones on the Day of the Dead.
- There will be several children's activities next week as part of the Wisconsin Science Festival.
- Taste testing, games, and fun facts will be part of the Chocolate Party for Teens on October 18 at 3:30pm.

B. Parks and Recreation Board Report: Neeley shared residents wanted to address some of the concerns about the PA announcement and the volume level of the music. They wanted to stress that they support the Aquatic Center, but the decibel levels at times were alarmingly high. A couple of ideas during the discussion about ways to be better neighbors included setting volume maximum levels and setting a length of time that the music is played. Neeley reported that Sergeant is working on a solution to address their concerns.

C. Plan Commission Report:

- 1) ~~Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance #2024-09 Annexing 3 Parcels from the Town of Union to the City of Evansville~~
- 2) Motion to Approve land division application LD-2024-12 for a certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-862 into Lot 1 and Outlot 1, finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the condition that the final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) First Reading of Ordinance #2024-12 Rezoning Land at 60 N. Union Street
- 4) First Reading of Ordinance #2024-13 Annexing 3 Parcels and Right-of-Way from the Town of Union to the City of Evansville.
- 5) Motion to Approve land division application LD-2024-13 for a certified survey map to combine parcels 6-27-661 and 6-27-541 into one lot, finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-4(5) of city ordinances, with the condition that the final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds by Neeley, seconded by Lewis. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) Motion to Approve land division application LD-2024-14 for a certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-316.368 into two lots for a two-family twin residence, located at 621 and 623 Windsor Lane, finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:
 1. The final certified survey map is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.
 2. A joint maintenance and cross access agreement is then made and recorded against both properties.

Motion by Neeley, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.
- 7) Motion to Approve a certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-559.5067 into

two lots for a two-family twin residence, located at 601 Porter Road and 305 S. Sixth Street, finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:

1. *The final certified survey map is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.*
2. *A joint maintenance and cross access agreement is then made and recorded against both properties.*

Motion by Neeley, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:

1) *Motion to Accept the September 2024 City bills in the amount of \$2,762,476.35 by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0, by roll call.*

2) **Discussion regarding 2025 Budget:** Sergeant reported that the city is still waiting for funding numbers from the State. Barnes questioned if Cherry, Walker, and Almeron Street Improvements were complete. Neeley questioned whether the budget for cemetery road pavement was necessary. Additional discussion occurred regarding the roads; no decision was made.

City Treasurer Roberts stated Pool Revenue is not finalized. Credit card payments have still not been received since the pool opened as a test ACH failed at the beginning of the season. Roberts will call RecDesk Monday if the funds are not received by then.

E. Public Safety Committee Report:

1) *Motion to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Rock County and the City of Evansville for 2025 by Stuart, seconded by Lewis. Motion passed 7-0, by roll call.*

F. Municipal Services Report:

1) *Motion to Approve the Third Amendment to Water Tower and Ground Space Lease Agreement with United States Cellular Operating Company LLC d/b/a US Cellular by Neeley, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.*

G. Economic Development Committee Report: Brooks shared there will be a job fair taking place at Creekside Place on October 23rd from 11am-2pm. 23 Employers are signed up, about half from Evansville. Discussion was held on advertising efforts and a separate area for onsite interviews from the Dept. of Workforce Development.

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

I. Historic Preservation Commission Report: Lewis reported three notable applications were considered: 19 S Third St, 109 S First St, 236 W Main St, and 23 S Second St.

Lewis thanked Spranger for the work remedying Mobile Gas Station's bright lights shining into his windows.

J. Fire District Report: Brooks reported appeals were heard and wanted to remind residents of the fees for fire calls are \$600.00 and carbon dioxide are \$250.00. Brooks also highlighted the Fire Department's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is October 13th.

- K. **Police Commission Report:** Did not meet.
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Did not meet.
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did not meet.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant shared two Evansville Water & Light Lineworkers (Tony Brady and Chase Stiklestad) will be leaving at 5:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to assist MEUW restoration efforts in Florida from Hurricane Milton.

Sergeant gave an update on the Aquatic Center. The pool shut down has begun at the Aquatic Center. Sergeant has been working with Municipal Services Director Kriebs on maintenance operations during the off season. Sergeant mentioned at this time no additional staff has been added for the Aquatic Center however it may be something to consider in the future. Brooks mentioned there could be extra hours in the budget since the Youth Center is not operable at this time. Sergeant also noted that the Aquatic Center has many concession items that will be expired by next year. Sergeant asked for suggestions on what to do with the current inventory and suggested the city may want to consider adding direction in the purchasing handbook.

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

- A. **Officer Michael Laufenberg Farewell** was read by Stuart.

Sergeant and Brooks also commended Officer Laufenberg for his tenure by sharing stories with positive reflections.

11. **New Business:**

- A. **Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-21 Approving the City of Evansville Adjusted Urban Area Boundary by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**

12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:**

- A. **First Reading of Ordinance #2024-10 Amending Chapter 82 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by Neeley.**
- B. **First Reading of Ordinance #2024-11 Amending Chapter 122 – Traffic and Vehicles, by Neeley.**

13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

- A. League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference; October 23-25, 2024, Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI 53562.
- B. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday November 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

14. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.