

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Hurtley at 6:00p.m.
2. **Roll Call**- Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Dianne Duggan, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, Erica Stuart and Susan Becker. Others present: City Clerk Darnisha Haley, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, City Treasurer Julie Roberts, Municipal Services Director Chad Renly, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Police Chief Reese, Police Lt. Jones, Nick Bubolz from Town & Country Engineering and general members of the public.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Brooks made a motion seconded by Cole to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed 8-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of March 9, 2021 meeting and approve as presented. Motion passed 8-0
5. **Civility reminder**- Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meeting
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed.**
  - A. **BASE Youth Coalition**- Megan Halvensleben presented a PowerPoint on the effects of vaping and tobacco use.
  - B. **Public Hearing:** 1st Street & 2nd Street, Badger Drive Intersection, Wind Prairie Multi-Use Path, and Maple Street & Main Street Sidewalk.
    - 1) **Staff Report**-Nick Bubolz from Town & Country Engineering present an overview of the street project, describing the services to be installed, the anticipated timeframe and any how to handle and temporary shutoff of services.
    - 2) **Initial discussion by Council**-Members of the Common Council had the opportunity to ask Nick questions regarding the street project.
    - 3) **Public Hearing**-Mayor Hurtley opened the meeting to the public at 6:50 p.m. Members of the public that spoke included:
      - (i) Lisa Legler at 45 S First St
      - (ii) Mello Burmeister at 330 S First St
      - (iii) Jessica & Ryan Keller at 414 S 6<sup>th</sup> St
      - (iv) Loren Pfaff at 134 Maple St
      - (v) Mayor Hurtley closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

- 4) **Final discussion by Council**-No additional question from council.
- 5) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to adopt Resolution 2021-05, A Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments Under Municipal Police Power Pursuant to §66.0703, Stats. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

## 7. **Reports of Committees**

- A. **Library Board Report**-Haley read the report prepared by Library Director Megan Kloeckner as Follows:

### General Updates

- Continuing to offer curbside pickup three days a week and browsing three days a week.
- We are starting to plan out our summer reading program. We will be offering both paper reading logs and a virtual reading logs through Beanstack.
- We have finished collecting data for our strategic plan update. The next meeting will focus on the analyzing the data and writing a draft of the plan.

- B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report**

- C. **Plan Commission Report**

- 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Becker to approve the condominium plat to create two units on parcel 6-27-614 (Tax ID 222 059002) located at 20 S Madison 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 condition the plat is recorded with the Rock County Register of Deeds and Municipal Services Review. Motion passes 8-0.

- D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the March 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$2,147,260.82. Motion passes 8-0 on a roll call vote.
- 2) Cole made a motion seconded by Duggan to amend the original General Custodian position to incorporate the agreed upon changes. Motion passed 8-0
  - i) Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve modified to General Custodian position description and to combine the 2 (two) separate positions into one (1) not to exceed 22hrs per week. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3) Cole made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) renewal agreement. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report**- Duggan reported the Public Safety Committee discussed updated the Alcohol Ordinance that will be presented later as unfinished business. The committee also approve an alcohol license for Creek side's cruise night, the baseball club as well as a few other individuals' license. There were a few license declined due to omissions on their application. Due to an issue with the ambulance we were without an ambulance for a short period of time. The City of Janesville graciously offered the use of one for the interim.

- F. **Municipal Services Report**-Brooks reported the committee touched base on the water softer incentive place to try and get more high efficiency water softeners in the community, this will be reviewed in 2021. Looking in to making a commitment to electric vehicle charges. WPPI offers a \$500 subsidy of which the city would be response for half of the level 2 or level 3 charges for home use. The total commitment would be capped at \$5000 per year to be taken from the commitment to community funds which is a redistribution of promotion funds. Brooks also reported last month there were 292 utility payers in arrears before the moratorium was lifted. There were 228 notice were sent out the first week of April asking people to sign up for DPA. There were 178 disconnection notices send out on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to adopt changes to choose Renewables Program Tariff. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 2) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the Pole Attachment Agreement for underbuilt Utility lines on Evansville Water & Light poles. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 3) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution 2021-06 Establishing Fees for attachments to utility poles 04/01/2021. Motion passes 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- G. **Economic Development Committee**-Brooks reported the MadREP speaker that was scheduled to appear rescheduled for next scheduled EDC meeting to discuss the new relationship and how it can be best utilized in 2021. James Otterstein was given an award by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) and the committee wanted to recognizes him as well for his contributions throughout Rock County.
- H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report**-Morrison reported the Evansville Soccer club in conjunction with Madison Youth Soccer has plans to play in Evansville with protocol meeting COVID-19 requirements. BASE is interested in have a month long Disk Golf tournament in June, they are also interested in sponsoring a movie night that is suitable for all age groups. Evansville received its 20<sup>th</sup> Bird City High Flyer Certification. There is a new requirement that goes along with that certification which is commemorating World Migratory Bird day on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Morrison also reported that the park roads opened March 22<sup>nd</sup> and based on the temperature would determine when the water would be turned back on in the pack. Update on Lake Leota dam repairs noted that they may be further damage to the facade so there will be more testing done to determine these repairs. The site plan for the dog park went through planning and there will be a public hearing at the Plan Commission meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Brooks mentioned that the last COVID relief bill included money for sewer projects and asked if the City could try to get some of those funds to apply to the Allen Creek project since it's a big part of the storm water project. Nick from Town & Country stated he would look into this a bit more to determine if those funds could be used for the project.
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission**-Lewis reported the following
- 1) 113 E Main- Working out the details for the porch stairs report
  - 2) 26 Garfield-Approved porch replacement in the back and a new porch in the front.

- 3) 24 E Main- Approved roof & porch repair.
- 4) 29 W Liberty-Approved adding fencing around their swimming pool.
- 5) 419 S Main-Approved siding application.
- 6) 20 Mill St-Discussion on repairs vs demolition to this property in the historic district.
- J. **Fire District Report**-Brooks reported there were 3 firefighters that graduated the EMS course at BTC and there were 3 firefighters that enrolled in firefighter 2 courses. There were a total of 11 calls in March, 4 of those were mutual aid for other jurisdictions or car accidents. There were a total of 8 calls for fire on Easter Weekend. Brooks wants to remind everyone to call and report your controlled burns
- 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**
  - A. Duggan made a motion seconded by Brooks to approve Ordinance 2021-03 Amending Chapter 6-Alcohol Beverage. Motion did not pass by 5-3 vote.
    - 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison to amend Ordinance 2021-03 swapping Sec6-44 paragraph 2 and 3. Motion passed 5-3 on a roll call vote.
  - B. Cole made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve Ordinance 2021-05 Rezoning Parcel 6-27-683. Motion passed 8-0.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator (placeholder)**
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  - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution 2021-04 Commendations for Judy Walton. Motion passed 8-0
  - B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution 2021-07 Commendations of Bill Lathrop. Motion passed 8-0
  - C. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution 2021-06 World Migratory Bird Day. Motion passed 8-0.
  - D. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Proclamation for National Library Workers Day. Motion approved 8-0.
  - E. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Proclamation for EMS week May 16-22, 2021. Motion passed 8-0.
  - F. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Proclamation for DPW week May 16-22, 2021. Motion passed 8-0
  - G. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Proclamation for Clerks week May 2-8, 2021. Motion passed 8-0.
  - H. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Proclamation for Arbor Day 2021. Motion passed 8-0.

- I. Brooks made a motion to approve, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2021-08 Commendations of Gene Lewis. Motion passes 8-0.

11. **New Business**

- A. Officer Schmidt & Officer Tway presented information on obtaining and fundraising for possible K-9.
- B. Discussion and possible motion to approve RFP for Evansville Park, Pool & Splashpad- The committee discussed that the RFP's will be reviewed by a group of committee members in the future in order to make a decision. Morrison expressed that she prefers to go with a Wisconsin company to help elevate some transportation costs as well as being in close proximity if an issue arises.

12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**

- A. First reading for Ordinance 2021-04 Updating the Animal Ordinance
- B. First reading of Ordinance 2021-06 Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- C. First reading of Ordinance 2021-07 Rezoning Parcel 6-27-559.500C and 6-27-533.515

13. **Meeting Reminder**

- A. Reorganization meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Regular meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m.

14. **Adjourn** Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 8-0.

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk