

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, December 10, 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 (Arrived at 6:03 p.m.)	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Colette Spranger, Community Development Director
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Bronna Lehman, Library Director
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Jim Graham, CHS Representative
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	John Brandon, Citizen
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Jeff Stevens, Citizen
		Gary Roessler, Citizen
		Bill Hurtley, Citizen

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Neeley, seconded by Brooks. Motion passed 7-0.**
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Approve as Presented by Neeley, seconded by Droster. 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.)
 - A. **John Brandon:** Brandon shared some background on the timeline of his frustrations with the Almeron Street Project.
 - B. **Jeff Stevens:** Stevens inquired about the status of the ATV/UTV signage as well as a Ribbon-cutting ceremony.
 - C. **Gary Roessler:** Roessler shared that there had been some patchwork done on Grove Street but feels that the work was poorly completed.
 - D. **CHS Update:** Graham gave a report on the status of the facility project timeline and the permitting status. The permitting process with the DNR and the APPR is still proceeding. The Air Permit is still in the process of being approved and CHS is still working with Wisconsin DNR and the regional EPA. Currently, there is no definitive timeline on the project.
7. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Library Board Report:** Lehman read from a written report: General Updates-Paul Davis is onsite this week to complete the restoration work in the Children’s Area to repair water damage from a cracked concrete wall this summer. NAMI replaced a boiler fan assembly and a pump motor. They will also be doing blower motor and compressor repairs on the rooftop units this month. The Friends of the Library are helping us promote a new

endowment fund for the library. Donations will be triples with matches from the Schlecht Family Foundation and the Community Fund of Southern Wisconsin. The endowment fund will provide ongoing funding for library materials, programming, and other needs. Eager Free Public Library will be closed on December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Programming Updates-Planning for spring and summer programming has begun. Mark your 2025 calendars for the Friends of the Library 30th anniversary celebration. The open house at the library on Saturday, March 22, will have activities for all ages. Besides our regular Storytimes and book discussions, December library programming includes Teen cookie decorating, a sensory snowman craft for preschoolers, a repurposed book gnome craft, and a vintage jewelry bookmark Take & Make kit for adults.

- B. Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Neeley reported that the Board is still looking for more information for the demographics for the Aquatic Center usage last summer. Neeley also shared that the Board may look to having an agreement with the Boy Scouts' moving forward. There was additional discussion about having agreements with organizations to come before the Council for final approval.
- C. Plan Commission Report:** Spranger shared that there was a Conditional Use Permit approval after a Public Hearing for a duplex located at 16 Jackson St. There was additional discussion on site plans for Kwik Trip as well as looking at conceptual plans for a subdivision that would include a multi-family project.
- D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:**
- 1) **Motion to Accept the November 2024 City bills in the amount of \$1,114,010.65 by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
There was an explanation for cat tag fees.
 - 2) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-26 Amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule – Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-1, with Geoffrion opposed.**
Geoffrion shared concerns on how high the fees are compared to others around the city such as Janesville, Stoughton, and Monroe.
 - 3) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-27 Allocating City of Evansville's ARPA Funds by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
Sergeant explained that this was to widen the descriptions to make it easier to allocate the funds without losing funds.
 - 4) **Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Emergency Medical Services Contract with Union, Porter, Magnolia and Brooklyn by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- E. Public Safety Committee Report:**
- 1) **Motion to Approve the Original Alcohol Beverage License Applications for a Class "B" Beer / "Class B" Liquor License for: Totally Elegant, LLC, Johnnie Mae Washington, Agent, 7 E. Main Street, Suite 1, Evansville, WI 53536 by Stuart, seconded by Lewis. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**

Stuart gave some information on the new company and what they will be doing as they are new in town. Stuart also reported that there had been a new officer, Tyler Hanson, that was sworn in to replace a departed officer.
- F. Municipal Services Report:** Brooks reported that during the meeting they had allocated Commitment to Community Funds to items such as Food Drive
- G. Economic Development Committee Report:** Brooks shared that Evansville has been asked to host a roundtable for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation January 29th at 8:30 a.m. at Emma's Table.

- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Corridon shared that EYC would start meeting every other month beginning in January. In the last meeting, they had looked at the budget and the Recreation Coordinator position.
 - I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Lewis reported that 21 Montgomery Ct wanted to replace some windows with vinyl but the wood windows are still in good enough shape to repair them, 209 W Church had some chimney repair work completed, and 403 W Main repaired their garage with the same materials. In addition, there was extensive work completed at 22 Montgomery Court-all work with same material reroof, replace gutters, windows, and replacing an exterior storm door. They will look at the garage door to be something other than steel.
 - J. **Fire District Report:** Brooks reported that the new Fire Engine Truck could be arriving in January. The Fire District also received a grant from Community Foundation Southern Wisconsin for ventilation equipment for the new truck.
 - 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. **Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ice Age Trail Alliance and the City of Evansville by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
Sergeant explained the MOU has been through committee previously. The funds for the signs will be acquired by the Commitment to Community Funds.
 - B. **Pete's Inn-** Duggan shared there was communication from Pete's attorney to postpone the hearing due to a wedding rehearsal or reception. Consensus was that it was ok to postpone the hearing. Attorney Kopp will work with the Attorney to set a new date.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant shared that the A/V equipment should be fixed in the next week. City Hall is working on year-end items. There have been meetings with Kwik Trip about their project and the engineers on housing projects. Act 10 has had no official action. There will be appeals so at this time it is business as usual.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**
- A. **Motion to Approve the Citizen Appointment of Victoria Norton, 45 N First St, for the unexpired two-year term to the Historic Preservation Commission, expiring 2026 by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
Duggan shared caution about asking City Staff for items as the Staff member may not be the correct person or may not have experience. Duggan shared that the items that were in Neeley's report were not eligible for the requested closed session. After more comments the consensus was to have a separate meeting to review the concerns.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday January 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Holiday Party: December 13, 2024 at Creekside at 1:30 p.m.
14. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.