

Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call.

Members

Present/Absent

Others Present

Aldersperson Erika Stuart, Chair

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Christopher Jones, Chief

Aldersperson Chuck Boyce

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Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief

Aldersperson Joe Geoffrion

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Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk

Leah Hurtley, City Clerk

Brandi Van Fossen, Citizen

Abbey Barns, Citizen

Kristina Krueger, Citizen

Kurt Krueger, Citizen

Hunter Pauley, Citizen

Stephen Selgrat, Citizen

Steven Staley, Citizen

Gina Haefer, Citizen

Sheri Biddick, Citizen

Jim Brooks, Citizen

Quinn Brooks-Ward, Citizen

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda.** by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0
4. **Motion to approve the April 2, 2025, Public Safety regular meeting Minutes.** by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0
5. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.** *N/A*
6. **Old Business.** *N/A*
7. **New Business.**

A. Discussion with Possible Motion to Approve the following Appealed Solicitor's License Applications for: *(Non-recommended by Evansville Police Department).*

- 1) **Pablo Frias – A. F. C. Exteriors, LLC** – *No show, committee went with the non-recommendation.* by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0
- 2) **Steve Staley – Pink Roofing** – *Steve came to the meeting and explained the omission on his application committee agreed to approve his application* by Boyce, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0
- 3) **Emilio Brito – New Standard Restoration** – *No show, committee went with the non-recommendation.* by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0

B. Discussion on Evansville 4th of July Run with Steve Eager. *Kurt Krueger came and spoke for Steve Eager about the 4th of July run. The club donated \$300 each to Police Chief Jones and EMS Chief Kleisch for all the help they provide each year at the event and look forward to another great event again this year. The first wave starts at 7:30*

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a.m. and will be the same route as the year prior. The fun run is a fundraiser for Type 1 Diabetes and also gives to the school, and care closet here in town.

C. Motion to Approve the Operator's License Application(s) for: *(Recommended by Evansville Police Department).*

- 1) Randy David Carlson
- 2) Mallory Elizabeth Passer
- 3) Karen Joyce Reese
- 4) Dennis E. Reese
- 5) Joshua Michael Blosser
- 6) Debra L Tomlin
- 7) Mason Cooper Braunschweig
- 8) Lisa A. Sonnentag
- 9) Brittany Lee Long
- 10) David Duane Powers
- 11) Debra Jeanne Carlson
- 12) Allen Lee Hurst
- 13) John Leigh Schneider
- 14) Michelle Lee Thompson
- 15) Tanya Marie McGaw
- 16) Candace Lee Andrews
- 17) Lydna Marie Laursen
- 18) Johnny Paul Petterson
- 19) Johnnie Mae Washington
- 20) Kevin James Watt
- 21) Sukhpal Singh
- 22) Anmopreet Singh
- 23) Sarah Ann Helin
- 24) Teresa Ann Madsen
- 25) Julie Kae Paton
- 26) Gail M. Henry
- 27) Dulcie Gwen Bergsma
- 28) Sallie Jo Perkins
- 29) Jaqueline Marie Tomlin
- 30) Denise Ann Halvensleben
- 31) John Thomas Meredith

by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0

D. Discussion with Possible Motion to Approve the Operator's License Application(s) for: *(non-recommended by Evansville Police Department).*

- 1) **Stephen John Selgrat** – *Stephen explained that he read the application wrong and admitted that he should have marked yes instead of no on question 2 of the application. His boss Parminder Sekhon also spoke on his behalf. Committee agreed to approve the license. by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0*
- 2) **Marco A. Lugo** – *Marco did not attend. City Clerk Leah Hurtley explained that the issue might have been a language barrier as she normally walked him through the application process but was not able to meet with him this time. Committee agreed to approve the license. by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0*
- 3) **Brandi Katelyn Van Fossen** – *Brandi explained the omission on the application and the committee agreed to have her re-apply with the information on the application and come back to the June 4, 2025, meeting.*
- 4) **Jed Kjornes** – *Tabled until the next meeting on June 4, 2025, as mailing address was not complete and committee wanted to make sure he received the letter City clerk will be reaching out.*
- 5) **Hunter Pauley** – *Hunter came in and explain the reasons on his non-recommendation application He also came in the last time he applied two years ago and came in front of the committee and got approved then also. committee approved his license by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0*

E. Motion to recommend to the Common Council Approval of the Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for a Class "A" Beer/ "Class A" Liquor License for: *(background check recommendations*

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provided by Chief Jones, unless otherwise noted)

- 1) **Casey's Marketing Company, Melissa A. Frank, Agent**, 28 W. St. Mary St., Milton, WI 53563 d/b/a Casey's General Store # 3583, 230 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 2) **Consumers Cooperative Oil Company, Jessica Golz, Agent**, 6909 N. County Rd. M, #65 d/b/a Consumer Coop Oil Company, 9 John Lindemann Dr., Evansville, WI 53536
- 3) **Kopecky's Worldwide Foods, Inc., James Dean Kopecky, Agent**, 8017 N. Ridge Court, Evansville, WI, 53536, d/b/a Kopecky's Piggly Wiggly, 8 N. County Road M, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 4) **Madison Street Express, Inc., Parminder K. Sekhon, Agent**, 2644 Granite Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, d/b/a All-N-One, 104 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536.

Committee approved numbers 1 to 4 by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0

- 5) **SD Evansville Minimart, Inc., Manvir Singh, Agent**, 905 E. 10th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520, d/b/a SD Evansville Minimart, Inc., 350 Union Street, Evansville, WI 53536.

Geoffrion and Boyce brought up some issues with repairs and lighting the business has had since 2024.

Stuart made a motion to take no action until repairs and lighting issues have been fixed or proof that they are working on them. by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0

F. Motion to recommend to the Common Council Approval of the Renewal Alcohol Beverage License applications for a Class "B" Beer/ "Class B" Liquor License for: (background check recommendations provided by Chief Jones, unless otherwise noted)

- 1) **139 E. Main Street LLC, Tawfick (Tommy) Hanna, Agent**, 3018 Maple Grove Dr., Madison, WI 5379, d/b/a Allen Creek Coffeehouse, 137 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 2) **Bessire Bowl, LLC, Joel Bessire, Agent**, 221 Noah's Arc Ct, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Blue Devil Bowl, 108 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 3) **Creekside Place Inc., Shawn Lynn, Agent**, 5101 N. Coon Island Rd., d/b/a Creekside Place Inc., 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 4) **El Vallarta De Evansville LLC, Marco Lugo, Agent**, 438 Almeron St, WI 53536, d/b/a El Vallarta, 609 E Main Street, Evansville WI 53536.
- 5) **Evansville Memorial Post 6905 VFW, John L Schneider, Agent**, 15542 W. Francis Road, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a VFW Memorial Post, 179 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 6) **Lovegood's, LLC, Hannah O'Brien, Agent**, 676 Porter Rd, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Lovegood's Coffee & Cocktails, 16 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 7) **Pete's Inn Inc., Sheri Biddick, Agent**, 694 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Pete's Inn Inc., 14 N. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 8) **Slice Golf, LLC, Sarah Kilps, Agent**, 300 S. 1st Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Slice Golf, 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
- 9) **The Night Owl Food & Spirits Inc., Gregory P Ardisson, Agent**, 217 N. Sixth Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a The Night Owl Sports Pub & Eatery, 189 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 10) **Totally Elegant, LLC, Johnnie Washington, Agent**, 326 East Bluff, Madison, WI 53521, 7 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.
- 11) **Trappers Bar & Grill LLC, Travis Schuh, Agent**, 3942 State Road 213, Orfordville, WI 53576, d/b/a Trappers Bar & Grill, 50 Union Street, Evansville WI 53536.

Committee approved numbers 1-11, by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0

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G. Review and discussion of Solicitor's License Applications and Chapter 90 City of Evansville Municipal Code – Solicitors *Committee discussed the possibility of capping the number of employees from each company that can apply for a solicitor's license. Chief Jones' only concern was how we can get them to always have the license visible. City Clerk suggested having the license laminated and giving them a lanyard to wear so it would be visible to the public and police. City Clerk will do a draft ordinance for next meeting.*

H. Discussion with possible motion on moving Wednesday, July 2, 2025, Public Safety Meeting at 6 p.m. to Tuesday July 1, 2025, at 6 p.m. *Stuart made a motion to cancel the Public Safety Meeting on July 2, 2025. by Stuart, Seconded by Geoffrion, Motion Carried 3-0*

I. Discussion with possible motion to approve the Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer License Application for:

- 1) Evansville Community Partnership Lake Leota 4th of July, Lake Leota, Evansville, WI 53536, Agent James Brooks 310 S. Sixth Street, Evansville, WI 53536

1. For the five consecutive dates from Wednesday, July 2, 2025 - Sunday, July 6, 2025
 - Wednesday, July 2, 2025, Setup (*No Consumption*)
 - Thursday, July 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
 - Friday, July 4, 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
 - Saturday, July 5, 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
 - Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (*at Horse Barn*), and
 - Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - ~~12:00~~ 5:00 p.m. (*Tent*)

Stuart amended motion to approve the Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer License Application for Evansville Community Partnership Lake Leota 4th of July for the Five consecutive dates Wednesday July 2, 2025, NO CONSUMPTION, Thursday July 3, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Friday July 4, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saturday July 5, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Sunday July 6, 2025, NO CONSUMPTION. by Stuart, Seconded by Boyce, Motion Carried 3-0

Discussion on the license with James Brooks on the dates and times and the availability of the police officer for the five consecutive days Chief Jones recommended to not sell alcohol on Sunday July 6, 2025, as our officers are mandated to work 12-hour shifts for the 4 days prior to Sunday July 6, 2025. Brooks said he called around for private security but with it being a holiday weekend they were not available. Stuart concerns were the amount of time/overtime our officers will be putting in on this 5-day celebration. Brooks mentioned that without being able to sell alcohol on Sunday he would have to cancel or move some things as the sale of the alcohol is what pays for the bands and activities held. Abbey Barnes asked if there was any kind of fundraising that could be done to help cover cost and why we need officers up at the park for the car show and Chief Jones stated that the presents of the police have been proven to help with fights and citizens drive after drinking. If we needed any help, we would have to call Rock County, and they are at least 20 minutes out. Geoffrion was also concerned with the officer's health and safety as we are understaffed working the 5 days and he would rather side with the police than have anyone get injured. Boyce agreed that the shortage of staff is an issue. Chief Jones is afraid of burning his staff out and then hoping they don't quit as we are already short-staffed. Stuart has asked to shorten the number of days in the future as the committee has asked the ECP do to this in the past also. The committee has asked to have the ECP come to the Public Safety Meetings a lot earlier before they have things booked to go over safety issues. The committee agreed that this is a public safety issue and that is why they amended the motion.

8. Evansville Police Department Report. *Officer Schmidt & Johnson attended PACE background investigations. Officers Hanson & Schwark passed the final PRT test and are in the final week of the Police Academy and are on track to graduate on May 16, 2025. EPD was awarded a 6-month extension on this Accreditation cycle to complete the proofs required for each standard. Lt. Reilly has finalized his contract with the city. A new handicapped accessible door was installed for the lobby.*

9. Evansville Emergency Medical Services Report. *Refresher was held by Mercy with Run Review and Airway management with vomiting/bleeding patients. EMS attended the Family Fun Night & High School Career Fair. Keri attended the Prescription & Illicit drug conference. Karla & Holly are back running calls. YEAH!*

10. Meeting Reminder:

A. Public Safety Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

B. Public Safety Regular Meeting: July 2, 2025, CANCELLED - August 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn. Stuart Adjured the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Jolene Klizman, Deputy Clerk