

City of Evansville Energy Independence Team

Regular Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7:30 a.m.

3rd floor, City Hall, 31 S Madison Street

Evansville, WI 53536

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:30am
2. **Introductions and Welcome.** Jim Brooks, Butch Beedle, Jason Sergeant, Colette Spranger, Scott Kriebs
3. **Approve the Agenda by Consensus.** Committee approved agenda.
4. **Approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting by consensus.** Committee approved agenda.
5. **Goal Setting Based on Evansville Municipal Energy Plan.** Resulted in the following priorities. Next meeting will focus on how to achieve them.
 - A. Install 65-150kW of solar by 2032 at city buildings
 - B. Pilot two to three electric municipal-owned vehicles
 - C. Engage in ongoing collaboration with Rock County and other communities
 - D. Consider battery installations for resiliency
 - E. Provide educational materials for residents and businesses
 - F. Track fuel and mileage data by vehicle
 - G. Use benchmark municipal building energy use data to implement recommended measures for energy savings of 15 to 20% at each building
6. **Quarterly Energy Updates (20 min)**
 - A. **Business, Community, and School Initiatives.**
 - B. **EHS Green Team.** No report.
 - C. **Tree City and Bird City.** A question arose if a ceremony was being held for Arbor Day.
 - D. **ECSD Nature Center.** Open in a new location at Theodore Robinson Intermediate School. Current exhibit is a tactile/sensory experience.
 - E. **Ice Age Trail.** No report.
 - F. **Community Garden.** No report.
 - G. **AMI.** Automated meters are now up and running. When EW&L switches to Northstar, energy usage can be tracked in real time. MyView is the interface that will provide the real time statistics.
 - H. **WPPI.** Met with line staff and talked about tech upgrade, outage management, and other pertinent information. A crew from Evansville will be going to D.C. at the end of the month to lobby for public utilities. Scott and Jason will be going to orientation in June.
 - I. **Other.** Beedle commented that Wind Prairie Park was commemorating 40 years in Evansville this year.

7. Carbon Neutrality Discussion and Next Steps.

8. Next meeting date: May 1, 2024

9. Adjourn.