

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Bill Lathrop	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Chief Jones, Police Chief
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Chief Kleisch, EMS Chief
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Ian Rielly, Police Lieutenant
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	A	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Jeff Stevens, Jim Brooks, Greg Ardisson: Citizens
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Ron Gay, Adam Faherty, John Brandon: Citizens
		Jeff Stevens, Jim Brooks, Greg Ardisson: Citizens

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting, and April 15, 2025 Re-organizational Meeting and Approve as Presented by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**

Corridon shared that Lathrop should be marked present at the 4/15/2025 meeting.

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. Ron Gay: Gay read from a written statement concerning dissatisfaction of the flying the pride flag at City Hall.
- B. John Brandon: Brandon voiced concerns regarding conflicting information that was being given by the Council and the City Engineers at Town and Country regarding the Lead Service Laterals (LSL). Brandon stated he has been told by the Council since April the LSLs were going to be mandatory however at the informational meeting held at Creekside, Bubolz from Town & Country Engineers had contradicting messaging. Mayor Duggan did confirm there was a change made and at the time that information would have been true. Brandon wanted Council and staff to know that he has spent a great deal of
- C. Adam Faherty: Faherty wanted to address concerns with the Mobil gas station and the lights they have installed. Faherty also witnessed alcohol sales occurring after 9:00 p.m.
- D. WPPI Presentation – Mike Peters: Peters covered some history of WPPI and some future initiatives will be. Peters also talked about the advantages of joining with other Municipalities to create a bigger utilities and explained where WPPI stands among other utility companies such as MG&E and Alliant.

7. **Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read for a written report: General Updates-We are waiting to hear back from the City's insurance company regarding the hail damage before determining next

steps. The historic clay tile roof has significant damage. It has been wrapped to protect the building until repairs can occur. Once authorized, it will take 4-6 months to obtain replacement tile. The hail also damaged the flat roof over the newer section, the HVAC rooftop units, the small flat roofs over entrances, plus other more minor items. Program Updates- School visits will occur over the next two weeks to inform students about our summer reading program and encourage them to participate and to read for fun over the summer. Thanks to support from the Prairie Lakes Library System, we will be sending our first emailed newsletter next week to promote our summer reading program. This summer's theme is Color Our World. We will be holding an Art Party on Friday, June 6, at 2pm to help decorate the Library for the summer. Reading Challenges for kids entering grades 1-5, teens entering grades 6-12, and adults will run from June 9 to August 8. Participants will log their reading to be eligible to win some great prizes. Our programming this summer will be arts and crafts themed with lots of opportunities for creativity. Activities will include tie dye, sharpie painting, crochet, escape rooms, alcohol ink coasters, tote bag painting, pottery at Farnsworth Ceramics, and a bad art night.

B. Parks and Recreation Board Report: Did Not Meet.

- 1) **Jeff Stevens:** Stevens reminded Duggan about the previous inquiry about the No ATV/UTV signage to prohibit usage in City Parks. Duggan and Sergeant explained that statutorily roads are a dedicated street and are defined separately from park roads which are defined as Parks. Some parks have Access Roads.

C. Plan Commission Report: Duggan share that the meeting included discussion on the Land Divider's Agreement for Capstone Ridge.

D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report: Barnes shared that Lathrop has been working on a program to simplify the bills.

- 1) **Motion to Accept the April 2025 City bills in the amount of \$2,632,289.92 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 2) **Motion to Approve the Employment Contract with Ian Reilly by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 3) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-12, Amending the 2025 Budget and CIP by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 4) **1st Quarter Treasurer's Report:** Sergeant explained that there were a couple things that looked a little high and are being looked into.
- 5) **Motion to Approve the Public Works Seasonal Laborer – Light Duty Position Description by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**

E. Public Safety Committee Report:

- 1) **Motion to Approve the Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for a Class "A" Beer/ "Class A" Liquor License for:** (background check recommendations provided by Chief Jones, unless otherwise noted)

A. 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.

B. 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

C. 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.

D. 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.
Motion by Stuart, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.

2) 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)

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. Creekside Place Inc., Shawn Lynn, Agent, 5101 N. Coon Island Rd., d/b/a Creekside Place Inc., 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI 53536.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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

I. 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.

J. Totally Elegant, LLC, Johnnie Washington, Agent, 326 East Bluff, Madison, WI 53521, 7 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536.

K. 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.

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

3) **Discussion of the Appealed Decision of the Public Safety Committee.**

Hurtley began the discussion with describing the application and approval process of Alcohol licensing with Public Safety Committee. Hurtley explained that when a decision is made that someone is unhappy with, there is the ability to appeal the decision. Public Safety Committee approved the Application with the exception of Sunday, July 6th from 10-6p at the Horse Barn and the Beer tent. Brooks explained the appeal is due to the denial of the temporary license for Sunday’s Car Show. Brooks proposed adjusting hours and volunteers helping with security. Brooks explained the ways that EPC has tried to make the event safe and local. Chief Jones shared that the Police Department is

understaffed this year and currently has officers staffed for mandatory 3 days of 12-hour shifts and doesn't want to encourage burnout by requiring a 4th day in a row of 12-hour shifts. Stuart shared that this was a concern that was brought up last year that the event needed to be smaller as Evansville doesn't have the services to provide for an event that lasts for multiple days in a row.

4) **Motion to Approve the Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer License Application for:**

Evansville Community Partnership 4th of July, Leonard Leota Park, Near Upper Diamond, James Brooks, Agent, 310 S. Sixth Street, Evansville, WI 53536

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. - 6:00 p.m. (*at Horse Barn*), and
- Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (*Tent*)

Motion to Approve the Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer License Application for Evansville Community Partnership from Wednesday, July 2nd to Saturday, July 5th by Stuart, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.

Motion to Approve Evansville Community Partnership the Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retail Application for Sunday July 6th, 11-5p for Horse Barn, 12-5 at Beer Tent by Corridon, seconded by Boyce.

Motion to Amend the Motion to include conditions of private security approved by Chief of Police (withdrawn)

Move to Accept the Appeal for 12-5p at the Horse Barn and the Beer Tent on Sunday July 6th, with the conditions that ECP and related parties come up with a plan for security that is Approved by the Chief of Police and the Approved plan is presented at the June Public Safety Committee meeting on June 4th by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Corridon, seconded by Boyce with the condition of the Plan. Motion passed 7-0.

- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon shared that some of the items that were discussed included ideas for the VLU funds, energy assistance emails, hail damage, and doing an RFP for garbage/recycling pick up.

1) **Motion to Approve Addendums 7.18 and 18.04 on the Multi-Year Overhead and Underground Electric Facility Installation Unit Price Contract with MP Systems, Inc. by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Duggan shared that Geoffrion sent a report indicating that Spranger, the Community Development Director is partnering each of the businesses with a Committee Member so that the Committee Member can visit each of the businesses. Building Improvement Grant is available for applications again this year. Geoffrion encourages the Council to visit the local establishments as well.

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

- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Shannon shared that there some approved items that included a composite deck on the rear of the house at 333 W Liberty, replacing wood soffit with the same and add aluminum gutter at 205 W Church, and the mural plans at 20 W Main. Shannon also announced that at the May 21st meeting there will be some tax credit specialists from the State Historical Society to talk to homeowners about using tax credits to restore their homes.

J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared that calls are up to 89 to date this year over the 75 that were last year at this time. Some applications have come in for the accounting position that has been advertised.

K. **Police Commission Report:** No Report given.

L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Corridon shared that the meeting was informative from Upper 90 and the Energy Audit. Upper 90 then shared a brief synopsis with the Council.

M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did Not Meet.

8. **Unfinished Business:** None

9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant shared that work continues to fix the recording equipment that still is not working from last year's lightning strike. The Art Crawl was last Friday and there will be an AARP Walk on May 24th at 1 p.m. starting at Creekside that will audit the Parks. Sergeant gave some information about updates for the Hailstorm repairs and Code Enforcement.

A. Distribution of Council Reference Books

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

A. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-07 – Emergency Medical Services Week** Read by Barnes

B. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-08 – Public Works Week** Read by Barnes

C. **Mayoral Proclamation 2025-09 – Pride Month June 2025** Read by Barnes

Duggan wanted to remind Council to reach out to staff or the Mayor to make sure someone isn't already working on addressing their concern to avoid duplicating efforts.

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None

13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Monday June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

14. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.