

City of Evansville
Finance and Labor Relations Committee
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Wednesday, June 4th, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** **Present/Absent**

Aldersperson Abbey Barnes	P	Jason Sergeant, Administrator
Aldersperson Ben Corridon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson Bill Lathrop	P	Julie Roberts, City Treasurer
		Tom Alisankus, Evansville Municipal Judge
		Dianne Duggan, Mayor

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the minutes of the May 7, 2025 regular meeting and Approve them as printed by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

5. **Civility Reminder:** Barnes issued a reminder that all City business is held with civility and decorum.

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **Motion to Accept the May 2025 City bills in the amount of \$1,182,482.64 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

Discussion items included: Public Works maintenance and repairs, RecDesk subscription, Storm Water maintenance, DMV Registration fee and how it applies to street maintenance, and park bathroom vandalism.

8. **New Business**

A. **Union Townline (UTL) Substation Improvement Project Discussion:**

1. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council Approval of the Recommendation for award of Contract to Border States; for (2) 69 kV Circuit Breakers by Lathrop, seconded by Barnes. Motion passed by 3-0.**

Kriebs shared information about the life of a substation and the plan to upgrade the UTL substation for future growth and move some of the equipment to the substation in town that has a transformer that is showing signs for end of life.

2. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council Approval of the Recommendation for award of Contract to Virginia Transformer Corporation; for (1) substation transformer by Lathrop, seconded Corridon. Motion passed by 3-0.**

B. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Recommend to Common Council to get a quote for a chain-link fence with the condition that the fence would be \$7500 or under or this item will be pushed to the next meeting issue a \$2,500 stipend for Landscaping Along Windmill Ridge/Porter Road Trail by Corridon, seconded by Barnes. Motion passed 3-0**

Sergeant shared the background plan for the trail project for the Windmill Ridge/Porter Road pond that included some trail blocking for the nearby residents. This would give each of the homes \$2500 for the private landscaping for the trail. The committee wanted to find out the cost of installing a fence on the City portion to establish private vs. public property. Alisankus spoke.

C. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Recommend to Common Council Completing the Pre-**

Award Authority with the FRA by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.

Sergeant explained that this agreement would be for money that was congressionally allocated for redoing the railroad crossings on Water Street and Main Street. Union Pacific refuses to sign a form without seeing construction documents and the FRA won't move forward with construction documents without having the form signed by Union Pacific. The City would sign a new form (Pre-Award Authority) with the FRA that tells them that the City is ok with starting the work knowing that someday the City would get reimbursed once Union Pacific signs the document.

D. Discussion of Sidewalk Assessments: Discussion included determining eligibility requirements for those that could potentially receive additional City assistance for lateral replacements as well as sidewalk costs. Sergeant explained that a cleaner and quicker way to offer help would be to do a resolution and adjust the cost percentages for the bottom 2 deciles of total assessed property value in Evansville. Lathrop explained that the motivation behind this proposal is that there is a focus on affordable housing, it could be seen as a responsibility to ensure that the affordable housing that the City has, remains affordable and those that are in it can remain in it. Sergeant is going to check to see if the resolution for the current street's project could be undone, and if changes would work with the potential new assessment software.

9. City Administrator/Finance Director Report: Sergeant shared that a new recording system has been ordered along with new T.Vs for the Chamber room. The hope is that it will be installed in July. The Aquatic Center will begin it's season on June 5th for a half day, and the Spraypad will begin its season on June 6th. Sergeant gave an update on the hailstorm damage and the wait with the insurance company that has been narrowed down to days instead of weeks. The goal is to get the insurance company to allow work to begin on the library roof as it could take 4-6 months to get the materials.

10. Next Meeting Dates:

A. Regular Meeting: July 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

B. 2025 Meetings, held the Wednesday before Council: August 6th, 2025 at 3pm, September 3rd, 2025 at 3pm, October 8th, 2025 at 3pm, November 5th, 2025 at 3pm, and December 3rd, 2025 at 3pm.

11. Adjourn: Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.