

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	A	Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Director Bronna Lehmann, Library
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Ian Reilly, Police Lieutenant
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Nick Bubolz, Town & Country Engineers
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Andy Phillips, Phillips Contracting/Developer

Other Citizens: Andy Gorman, Steve Hagen, Jeff Stevens, Julie Paton, John Brandon, Melissa Kochell

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 June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**

5. **Civility Reminder:** Duggan noted the City's commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.

6. **Special Presentations:**

A. Final Assessment for 2024 Street & Utility Improvements on Almeron Street, Walker Street, and South Madison Street.

1) **Staff Report:** Bubolz gave a brief overview of the project.

2) **Public Comment:** Public Comment opened at 6:05 p.m., closed 6:18 p.m.

A. **John Brandon, 460 Almeron:** Brandon voiced concerns about his arrest.

3) **Final Discussion by Council:** Lathrop wanted to offset some of the cost for the lateral replacements due to the mandatory vs. voluntary language of the lateral replacements. Droster added inquiry regarding the length of the annual installments.

4) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-14, A Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvements and Levying Special Assessments against Benefitting Property in Evansville, Wisconsin by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop.**

A. **Motion to Amend Resolution 2025-14, #3C with 100% mandatory by the lesser of \$2000 or 50% of the total cost of the replacement including those that will be done in the future and those that have already been paid by Lathrop, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

B. **Motion with the Amendment passed by Roll Call 7-0**

7. **Public Comments on Items on the Agenda not Requiring a Public Hearing and on Matters Which can be Affected by Council Action.** (Individuals wishing to address the City Council are required to sign in on the roster and must keep their comments under three minutes. All materials must be delivered only to the City Clerk.)
- A. **Andy Gorman, 209 Noah's Arc:** voiced concerns about the Capstone Ridge Subdivision development and rezone. Mr. Gorman also questioned the process of the public hearing including notices and length of time between when it was held versus when it was approved. Gorman asked Council for the agenda item to be tabled.
- B. **Melissa Kochell, 15 ½ W Main:** voiced concerns about the new tattoo shop that has moved in at 15 W Main including noise, times of operation and smoking tobacco.

8. **Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from written report: General Updates- Wisconsin libraries are coordinating a postcard campaign to encourage library users to tell their elected federal officials why their library is important. This effort supports the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides state-managed federal grants that fund services like Interlibrary Loan, summer library programs, and support and training for librarians. Drop off postcards at the library to be collected for a bulk mailing. We are finalizing approval of a proposal to replace the hail damaged clay tile roof so that the tile may be ordered. Free one-day passes to Wisconsin State Parks are available at the Library. Program Updates-We are midway through our summer library program. There are 143 children and 65 teens participating in the reading challenge, plus many adults doing the Reading Bingo challenge. Thanks to the Prairie Lakes Library System we will have a hands-on snake and reptile program on July 15 and a Science Heroes science experiment program on July 22. Both are at 10am. Check our website calendar for other art-related summer activities. The Friends of the Library will be having a used book sale in the lower level of the Grange Building on July 31 – August 2. They will also be taking donated books on those days.
- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Did Not Meet.
- C. **Plan Commission Report:** Barnes shared that there was discussion about creating an Ad Hoc committee to discuss aspects for Public Housing.
- 1) **Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-03, An Ordinance to Reimburse Building Permit Fees for Affordable Housing Projects (with replacing 8C-1 in the packet with the handout version) by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 2) **Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-04 Rezoning Territory from R-1 to R-2 in the Capstone Ridge Subdivision by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop.**
- A. **Motion to Amend to Approve Ordinance 2025-04, contingent on confirmation of proper notice and proper Public Hearing by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 5-2, with Shannon and Boyce opposed.**
- B. **Motion with the Amendment passed 5-2, with Shannon and Boyce opposed.**
- D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Barnes shared that there was discussion about fees for the 2 public outlets usage.
- 1) **Motion to Accept the June 2025 City bills in the amount of \$1,417,051.62 by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Geoffrion shared that there was an approval for road closure for Garage Sale Days. Barnes wanted to make a recommendation for a discussion topic for a future meeting to add that scooters be added to the no bikes on sidewalks in the business district in the ordinance.
- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon reported that there was some additional discussion on the Upper 90 Energy Efficiency project.
 - 1) **Motion to Accept US Cellular Transaction Notice by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by 7-0.**
 - 2) **Motion to Accept the Recommendation of MSC and the Mi-Tech RFP from Overhead Lines to Underground Lines by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
 - 3) **First Reading of Ordinance 2025-05: Amending Chapter 126 – Utilities** read by Duggan
- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Geoffrion shared that there was discussion about the upcoming visits that the Committee will be doing with all of the businesses in the City. There was also some preliminary discussion about the job fair this fall.
- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet.
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Shannon reported that there were 40 properties that were approved by Staff and 11 properties that were looking for approval for work to proceed.
- J. **Fire District Report:** Nothing to report in Stuarts' absence
- 8. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant gave an update on the insurance process with the hail damage repairs. Sergeant shared information on the audit and budget processes. It was also shared that Evansville Community Partnership wanted to send their thanks for a great event for the 4th of July.
- 9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**
 - A. **Motion to Approve the Citizen Appointment of Sam Wallace, 568 Spencer Dr, to the Park and Recreation Board for the unexpired three-year term ending in 2028 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 10. **Old Business:** None
- 11. **New Business:**
 - A. **Motion to Approve the Retroactive MOU Agreement with Rock County Sherriff's Department by Barnes, seconded by Geoffrion. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
- 13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
 - A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. 2025 Meetings: September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- 14. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.