

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, September 9, 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	Colette Spranger, Community Development Director
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	John Brandon, Citizen
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Jeff Stevens, Citizen
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Julie Patton, Citizen
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 8-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Barnes, seconded by Boyce. Motion passed 8-0.**

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

6. **Special Presentations:** None

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. Any materials must be delivered only to the City Clerk.)

A. **John Brandon:** Brandon wanted clarification on a minute correction that was on the August minutes.

B. **Jeff Stevens:** Stevens shared concerns regarding repair work for Evansville's railroad crossing.

8. **Reports of Committees**

A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from a written report: General Updates-Over 8000 postcards in support of Wisconsin libraries were collected and sent to our elected officials in Washington, D.C. We are told there is some progress in the efforts to reauthorize the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Library is a collection point for AWARE's Koats for Kids. NAMI was onsite 9/8/25 to troubleshoot our HVAC system which is providing insufficient cooling for the original section of the building. As follow up to the Energy Audit, the Library has contracted with Upper 90 for an upgrade to our HVAC control software this fall. Program Updates: Our fall programming will include a dance party with Clifford the Big Red Dog to celebrate with our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten kids, the Misfit Felines program for cat care tips, and a Halloween costume swap. The

Prairie Lakes Library System is encouraging people to explore other libraries in Rock, Walworth, and Racine Counties. Pick up a passport and get a stamp at each library you visit before November 30th. Visit five for a prize entry. We will again be hosting a Puzzle Master's competition on October 4th. Get some friends together to see who can complete their puzzle first. The local winning team can advance to the Rock County and Prairie Lakes competitions.

- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Stuart shared discussion regarding pool hours toward the end of the season. There was additional discussion regarding enrollment numbers and the future of the city's youth baseball league.

C. **Plan Commission Report**

- 1) Discussion and **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Residential District One (R-1) to Residential District One Two (R-2) in the Windmill Ridge 2nd Addition Subdivision by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 7-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.**
- 2) Discussion and **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-07, Amending the Future Land Use Map of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan of the City of Evansville, Wisconsin in Response to Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application 2025-01 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 5-2-1, with Shannon, and Droster voting no, and Geoffrion recused.**

Spranger shared the Staff Report along with additional discussion.

- 3) **Motion to Approve a Certified Survey Map to Divide Parcel 6-27-396.207B into two lots for a Two-Family Twin Residence Addressed at 231 and 235 North Fourth Street, finding that the Application is in the Public Interest and Meets the Objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of City Ordinances, with the Following Conditions:**

1. The final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.
2. The Applicant Records a Joint Cross Access and Maintenance Agreement for Each of the New Lots Made by CSM.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 7-0-1, with Geoffrion recused.

There was additional discussion on sidewalks.

D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) **Motion to Accept the August 1-27th 2025 City bills in the amount of \$2,483,445.09 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- 2) **Motion to Accept the August 28-31st 2025 Additional City bills in the amount of \$45,024.82 by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- 3) **Motion to Approve the Police Department Coverall Cleaning Service Plan in the Amount of \$625 Per Month by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- 4) **Motion to Approve the Supplement No. 3 to Amend and Restate Master Agreement for Participation in WPPI Member Services Programs to Incorporate Geographical Information System (GIS) Support Service by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**

- 5) **Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Wisconsin Energy Fuel Information Web Service between the Wisconsin Department of Administration and Evansville Water and Light by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart shared the license approval for the upcoming Fall Fest and that there was discussion that occurred with the Department of Transportation. Oaths of office and swearing in for the two Sergeant's positions was also a meeting highlight.

There was additional Council discussion on Scooter safety.

- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon shared that most of the meeting was spent on the items that were under the Finance and Labor agenda items.
- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Geoffrion reported that James Otterstein came to give report out for Rock County. The job fair date was selected to take place on October 22nd.
- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Spranger shared there was work to pass a resolution to prevent use of non-recommended materials such as vinyl.
- J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared the calls have been up all year. There is a new billing accountant that started.
- K. **Energy Independence Team:** There was discussion in August in regard to Evansville's status as Bird and Tree City, and composting options.

9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Duggan thanked those that have asked to speak and wanted to remind everyone to reach out to staff before reaching out to other entities to help prevent duplicate efforts.

11. **Old Business:** None

12. **New Business**

- A. **First Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 An Ordinance Rezoning Territory from Local Business (B-1) to Residential District Two (R-2) for parcels 6-27-396.207A and 6-27-396.207B, read by Duggan.**

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

14. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

- A. Special Budget Presentation – Common Council Meeting, Thursday, September 25th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- C. 2025 Meetings: November 11th, and December 9th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

15. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.