

City of Evansville  
Finance and Labor Relations Committee  
Regular Meeting  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

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| Aldersperson Abbey Barnes | P | Jason Sergeant, City Administrator |
| Aldersperson Ben Corridon | P | Julie Roberts, City Treasurer      |
| Aldersperson Bill Lathrop | P | Dianne Duggan, Mayor               |
|                           |   | Greg Johnson, Ehlers               |

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 September 3, 2025 regular meeting and Approve them as printed by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

Corridon noted an addition to 8A.

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 September 2025 City Bills in the amount of \$2,503,379.58 by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

There was discussion about several miscellaneous items that were put into the wrong general ledger accounts. Sergeant plans to talk with Department Heads to help get the coding to be uniform across all departments.

**Motion to amend the agenda to move 8D-8G before 8A by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

8. **New Business**

A. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council approval of the 3-year ChargePoint contract in the amount of \$4,380.00 by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

B. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council approval of four 15 kV Breaker Purchases by Lathrop, seconded by Barnes. Motion passed 3-0.**

C. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between the Rock County Communications Center and the City of Evansville for 2026 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 3-0.**

D. **Motion to Recommend Resolution 2025-17 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,235,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

Johnson covered the information provided in the packet. Johnson let the committee know that the tables do not include any CIP items. There was additional discussion about debt ratio and debt amortization.

#### **E. Discussion and Possible Action on PSC Requested Simplified Water Rate Case**

Sergeant shared that the letter was received from the PSC offering a chance to do a simplified rate case to get a small increase in rates. While it came as a surprise, with further discussion with WPPI and Ehler's it isn't shocking. Johnson explained that doing a simplified rate case offers the opportunity to do a more modest increase in rates without the extra administrative work for a more substantial rate case.

**Motion to recommend to Common Council to proceed with the Simplified Water Rate Case with the PSC by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

#### **F. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 2025-08 Responsible Bidding**

Sergeant gave some background on the history that the Ordinance has had at Municipal Services Committee and what that Ordinance would entail as it is written. There was additional discussion about the bidding process, working with Town & Country, how subcontractors' selection could be affected, and how the checklist could work. Discussion concluded that more work would need to be done to have it move forward to Council.

#### **G. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2025-18 Reducing GO Debt Borrowing**

Lathrop shared that this would be a first attempt to reduce future Capital Purchases to rein in spending and debt. A major problem would be that any streets' projects would automatically go over the allotted amount. Johnson added that borrowing less is always a good idea, but it would be about balancing with the deferral of infrastructure investment as a result. Johnson shared a concern that making a change right now could affect borrowing for the 2025 Capital Projects. A good way to move forward would be to run some schedules and look at amounts that could be worked with.

### **9. City Administrator/Finance Director Report**

- A. Update on 2026 budget and CIP:** Sergeant explain that the gap is around \$50,000 and the numbers in yellow are looking for more firm numbers. There were additional discussions about what could be included and excluded.
- B. Hail Repair Updates:** Sergeant shared that Destree had sent out a package with all of the non-historic buildings for bid. The bid that included some additions came back still under the ACV amounts.
- C. WPPA Negotiation Updates:** Sergeant shared that there is a tentative agreement. There were some requests for additional longevity pay and for shifts worked, and educational bonuses.

### **10. Next Meeting Dates:**

~~A. Special Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.~~

- B.** 2025 Meetings, held the Wednesday before Council: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3pm, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 3pm.

### **11. Adjourn:** Barnes adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.