

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Bill Lathrop	P	Jolene Klitzman, Deputy Clerk
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Colette Spranger, Community Dev Dir
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	A	Carolyn Kleisch, EMS Chief
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Greg Johnson, Ehler's
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Steve Hagen, Citizen
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Bob McCallister, Citizen
		John Thielenhouse, Citizen

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 January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 7-0.**

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. **Bob McCallister:** McCallister wanted to share that there will be a visit in April by Victor Gensini. Gensini is a renowned Severe Weather expert that specializes in hail. This will be a presentation to better understand hailstorms and to help prepare communities for violent storms.

8. **Reports of Committees**

A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from written report: General Updates- Today librarians from around the state met at the Capitol for Library Legislative Day to hear a briefing about library-related legislation and have scheduled meetings with their district's legislators. Various building repairs have occurred, including replaced elevator door sensors, new motion detector battery, new security touchscreen panel on order, emergency exit sign replaced (per local fire inspector), HVAC communications card upgraded, and automatic door sensor replaced. Various public use computer issues have been resolved. The self-checkout station is working again. State and federal tax forms are available at the

library. Program Updates- Young families are appreciating the additional morning early literacy programming that we are offering this winter. Historian and Monroe native Andrea Nolen will talk about her book *Lincoln's Counterfeiters* on February 12. It's a little-known story about an obscure Wisconsin gang that funded the Union and started the Chicago mob. On February 16, a no-school day, kids can attend Camp Half Blood to enjoy Greek God activities based on Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief*. Teen activities this month include the Teen Advisory Board meeting, a cupcake contest, and Music Bingo.

- B. Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Stuart shared that this time of the year the parks are quiet but did talk about the fields at Larson Acres Park are looking good.
- C. Plan Commission Report**
- 1) **Motion to Approve Ordinance #2026-01, Updating Divisions 17 (Residential District Three) of Chapter 130 (Zoning) by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 6-1, with Boyce opposed.**  
Spranger covered the information in the Staff Report.
  - 2) **Motion to Approve a Final Certified Survey Map adjusting the boundaries of parcels 6-27-904 and 6-27-905 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:**
    - A. **Prior to signing the final certified survey map, applicant to work with City to execute an easement for conservation and recreational use within the floodway, with the City initiating a change of zoning for that area from R-2 to C-1 Lowland Conservation.**
    - B. **The final Certified Survey Map is recorded with the Rock County Register of Deeds.**  
*Motion by Barnes, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.*
- D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Barnes shared that there was discussion about Water & Light inventory and about the Creekside Place contract.
- 1) **Motion to Accept the January 2026 City bills in the amount of \$2,837,674.18 by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**  
Geoffrion questioned if the Kwik Trip boring cost will be reimbursed. Municipal Services Director had to leave so will have to follow up.
  - 2) **Motion to Approve the Code Enforcement Contract with Municipal Code Enforcement LLC by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**  
There was discussion with the owner about how situations are handled.
  - 3) **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-05 Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$3,125,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**  
  
Johnson highlighted some items in the memo in the packet. There was some discussion about an amortization schedule for financing the utility.
  - 4) **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report:** No discussion occurred.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart reported that the meeting did have the new coordinators for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival with plans to schedule the event for 3 days. Additional praise was given to Chief Kleisch and the training that is provided to her well-trained staff. Kleisch has been able to increase and retain the number of volunteers.
- 1) *Motion to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Class “A” Beer/ “Class A” Liquor License for: Kwik Trip, Inc. Christopher Turenwald, Agent, 727 N. Jackson Ave., Jefferson, WI 53549 d/b/a Kwik Trip, Inc. #1750., 680 E Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536 by Stuart, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 7-0.*
- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon shared that there was discussion about the concerned intersection of Maple and Main streets and the hail damage repair work.
- 1) *Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-03 Authorizing Resolution for Participation in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Municipal Dam Grant Program by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.*
- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Did Not Meet
- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Shannon was not present to report.
- J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared that there are concerns about daytime volunteers that can respond to fires. There was additional discussion about recruitment for the Fire District.
- K. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Corridon shared that the meeting took place at High School. The High School Green Team gave a tour of the school and showed the progress of swapping fluorescent bulbs to LED. The Ice Age Trail Alliance also came to discuss the placement of Information Kiosks.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant shared that the first email for sign up for notices went out to about 200, with 50 being returned. Also, gave update for the City Treasurer position hiring progress.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Duggan shared that the Meeting of the Whole will be February 28<sup>th</sup> and will include discussion about the City involvement and future of the Youth Center.
11. **Old Business:** None
12. **New Business:** None
13. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
14. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Committee of the Whole Meeting Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Creekside Place, 102 Maple St, Evansville, WI 53536
- C. 2026 Meetings: March 10, April 14, April 21 (Special Reorg Meeting), May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
15. **Adjourn:** Duggan adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.