

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
**Tuesday, March 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	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	P	Colette Spranger, Com Dev Dir
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	A	Bronna Lehmann, Library Dir
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Dir
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Joe Geoffrion	P	Greg Johnson, Ehler's
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Nick Bubolz, Town & Country Engineering
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	A	Jim Graham, CHS

**Citizens also in attendance:** Steve Hagen, Norman Barker, Andy Phillips, Seth Schultz, Julie Paton, Jeff Stevens, RJ Laube, Jon Powers, Bill Hurtley, Margaret Bales, Alec Meier, Holly Scheuren, and LB Burt

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda moving 10A to between 5 and 6 and striking 10C by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 6-0.**
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 6-0.**  
Lathrop had spelling correction to 8J.
5. **Civility Reminder:** Duggan noted the City's commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.
6. **Special Presentations:**
  - A. **CHS:** Graham gave quarterly update that included that CHS has evaluated 3 of the 5 sites and continue to monitor the global market.
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. **Holly Schueren:** Schueren voiced opposition of the Pride Flag being recognized as the official City flag and would like to see the City have only 2 flags, the American flag and the Wisconsin flag.
  - B. **Margaret Bales:** Bales voiced opposition of the Pride Flag being recognized as the official City flag stating one person should not be designating a flag on behalf of the entire community.
  - C. **Jeff Stevens:** Stevens shared that the Flag Proclamation should be a referendum vote such as the ATV/UTV was.
8. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from a written report: General Updates- In 2025 at the Eager Free Public Library: 3,257 area residents have library cards. They checked out 49,616 physical items and used e-materials 18,904 times which is a combined increase of 7%. 4,599 children, teens, and adults attended 235 library programs and outreach events. The roof wrap of the library's clay tile roof will be inspected again next week. Replacement of the tile roof will begin in June. Library patrons can request free, one-day Wisconsin State Park passes

thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library. Collaboration planning with the Grove Society for America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Economic Development Committee for small business support is underway. We are again offering free access to over 200 classes available from MasterClass. Signup on our website. Program Updates: Learn how native plants can be part of your beautiful garden and support pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife from the UW-Arboretum's native plant garden curator this Thursday, 3/12, at 6pm. The Antemeridians book group will discuss *Still True* by Maggie Ginsberg on March 19 at 10:30am. Art Roulette is back by popular demand on March 19. Each person contributes to each painting as they are passed around to create the final masterpieces. Teen activities this month include the Teen Advisory Board meeting, a Romantasy Reads book discussion, and a Minecraft program during Spring Break. Join us after Preschool Story Time on Wednesday at 10am as we make Alphabet Trees inspired by the book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*.

**B. Parks and Recreation Board Report:** No Report.

**C. Plan Commission Report:**

- 1) **Motion to Approve the Land Division Application LD-2026-03 for a condominium plat on tax parcel 6-27-830 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 6-0.**

Spranger outlined the future plan for the parcel to create more housing for Evansville. Public Comments were in support of the project.

- 2) **Motion to Approve "Amendment to the 2025 Final Land Divider's Agreement for Capstone Ridge" by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Spranger explained that the original agreement had a provision that they could donate land for Park land, but it would need to come back through for approval. The intention is to deed land to the city to fulfill the Park land dedication requirements. This would also change the order of the phases of the project.

- 3) **Motion to Approve Application for Downtown Upper Level Housing Unit Rehabilitation Grant by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 6-0.**

Spranger shared the scope of the Rehabilitation Grant to help rehabilitate residential units and bring them up to code and be available for local housing options. There would be 4 grants of \$12,500 each.

- 4) **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-06: Establishing Code Enforcement Inspection Fees by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Spranger shared that the Municipal Code Enforcement LLC reported that having reinspection fees help get results as well as cover the cost of reinspection. After the second reinspection, the item could be subject to citations.

**D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Barnes shared that approval was given to staff to use recruitment services for the City Treasurer position with Robert Half as they focus on the public sector vs. the private sector.

- 1) **Motion to Accept the February 2026 City bills in the amount of \$3,331,992.54 by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Stevens shared that there are concerns from citizens about how much spending is occurring. Lathrop pointed out that over \$2.1 million was due to the distribution of tax settlements that were collected on behalf of the Schools and County.

- 2) **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-07 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$3,095,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2026A by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Johnson from Ehler's reported the outline for the bond with a maximum term of 3 years. The amount of the loan is lower along with the interest rate.

- 3) **Motion to Approve Wind Turbine Annual Maintenance and Service Agreement, Option B**

with All Energy Management by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

- 4) Motion to Approve Farmland Rental Agreement with S & K Ag Corp by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.
- 5) Motion to Approve Daupler Response Management System Contract ending February 10, 2029 by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

Geoffrion asked about competitive pricing. Kriebs explained that the cost for the 3 years is cheaper than the previous 1 year. It also is interactive that residents can submit pictures that can be helpful in speeding up resolutions, and there is some backend reporting that helps internally.

- 6) Motion to Approve Revised State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-LET Highway Project by Barnes, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.
- 7) Motion to Approve Contract with Destree Design Architects Design Services for Evansville Camp Store Windows/Doors/Toilet Room by Barnes, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

Destree explained the scope of the work and what portion of the work will be covered under the hailstorm damage insurance claim from last year.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Geoffrion reported that there were a couple Operator Licenses that were denied due to lack of Police approval. There was also an update that there have been no incidents at Pete's Inn. There was also a concerning safety concern where someone had fallen into the creek and potentially needing a fence in that area.
  - F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon reported that there had been a hail repair update for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the High School had been awarded a Super Grant.
    - 1) Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-08 –Authorizing Public Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property Consisting of Cherry Street, Mill Street, and Railroad Street, North Madison Street, Garfield Avenue, and Brown School Road by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

Bubolz gave a rundown of the project and the scope of the work that was completed.
    - 2) Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-09 –Authorizing Public Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property on Water Street by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.
  - G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Geoffrion shared that they had discussion and had moved forward the Grant for Rehabilitation of Downtown Upper-Level Housing Units. Lehmann also attended the meeting to discuss a grant that was awarded to help with materials for building resumes and job searching. There was additional discussion about job fairs.
  - H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet
  - I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Shannon reported that there was a presentation from Sign Art Studio on offerings for all their signs as they will be recreating the sign for the Grange Building. Corridon shared that while in attendance at the meeting, there was also discussion about Ice Age Trail Alliance Kiosk locations.
  - J. **Fire District Report:** No Report
  - K. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Did Not Meet
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant reported an update on the City Treasurer position, that Robert Half had offered up 4 potential candidates. While in Washington D.C., there was discussion with Pocan about Congressional Allocations relating towards the Municipal Services buildings that need replacement. Creekside did hold a July 4<sup>th</sup> event planning meeting.
  10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**

- A. **Mayoral Proclamation #2026-01 – Spread Goodness Day, March 13, 2026**-Read by Barnes.  
Tachon spoke about the highlights of the event and offered ideas on how to insert unity and kindness into the day and encourage everyone to wear yellow to bring attention to the day.
  - B. **Mayoral Proclamation #2026-02 – Evansville Community Partnership Commendation**- Read by Barnes.
  - C. ~~Mayoral Proclamation #2026-03 – Designating the Pride Flag an Official City Flag~~
  - D. **Motion to Approve the Revised Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Meeting by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 6-0.**
  - E. **Agenda items and chairperson protocol:** Duggan reminded that Council abides by Robert’s Rules as in the Municipal Code and to not talk over each other. In addition, if you want to reach out about a particular item, the Chair of the Committee should be the first point of contact as any other contact can undermine the work that they are attempting to work on to resolve concerns.
11. **Old Business:** None
12. **New Business:** None
13. **Introduction of New Ordinances**
- A. **First Reading of Ordinance #2026-03: Rezoning Parcel 6-27-830**-Read by Barnes.
  - B. **First Reading of Ordinance #2026-04: Amending Chapter 2 –Administration**-Ready by Barnes.
14. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Joint Town of Porter Meeting on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Boundary: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
  - C. Special Reorg Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
  - D. 2026 Meetings: 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 7:22 p.m.