

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
 Regular Meeting
 3rd Floor City Hall, 31 S Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. 6:00 pm by Geoffrion.

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Joe Geoffrion, Chair	P	Erik Ferrar, ECSD
Kelly Shannon	P	Bronna Lehmann, Eager Free Public Library
Jon Alling	P	Colette Spranger, Com. Dev. Director
Paul Liesse	P	Nate Perry, ECSD
Brandon Rutz	P	Shawn Dunphy, Chamber of Commerce
Pat Carr	A	
Sue Berg	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda as printed. Motion by Geoffrion, second by Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from February 16, 2026 meeting and approve as printed. Motion by Geoffrion, second by Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder

6. Citizen appearances, other than listed agenda items
None.

7. New Business

8. Old Business.

Impromptu discussion on business visits and how to help existing businesses weather the storm of Discussion on materials for business visits and ways to engage/educate less-involved members of the community with information about the business community. A mailer with different focuses, such as retail or restaurants, would be useful as a way to share what is available in the community.

Spranger replied that she would do some research on mailer options and share business visit materials with the group.

9. Monthly Reports

A. Community Development Update.

Spranger provided updates on the 170 E Church redevelopment project, recent Common Council decision making on the Youth Center, an update on the Town of Porter boundary agreement, and business updates, including a recent discussion at Historic Preservation on the potential recreation of a neon sign that once hung in the downtown.

B. Chamber Update.

Dunphy provided updates on ribbon cuttings, community events, and joint tourism/chamber projects, such as the banners and mural projects. Community Coffee has been going well and is in its 8th month with increased participation at each.

C. Tourism Update.

Tourism will meet in April. Berg affirmed mural updates reported by the Chamber. Berg also provided a review of the new 4th of July committee's planning efforts. Creekside is acting as fiscal agent and fireworks are being ordered soon.

10. Discussion

11. Next Meeting Dates:

- A. Regular Meeting: April 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

12. Adjourn.

NOTICE

A meeting of the City of Evansville Economic Development Committee will be held on the date and at the time stated below. Notice is further given that enough members of the City Council may be present to constitute a "meeting" under Wisconsin statutes and this constitutes notice of any such meeting. Requests for persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made by calling City Hall: (608)-882-2266 with as much advance notice as possible. Please silence cell phones and electronic devices during the meeting.

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 20th, 2026
City Hall, 3rd Floor, 31 S Madison St, Evansville, WI
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Motion to approve the agenda.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the March 17th, 2026 minutes and approve as printed.
5. Civility reminder
6. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items
7. New Business
 - A. Review Sec. 94-81. Powers and Duties.
8. Old Business
 - A. Library Partnership Update
9. Monthly Reports
 - A. Community Development Report
 - B. Chamber of Commerce Report
 - C. Tourism Commission Report
10. Discussion
11. Next Meeting Date:
 - A. May 18th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
12. Motion to Adjourn.

- *Joe Geoffrion, Chairperson*