

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Mayor, Abbey Barnes	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Bill Lathrop	P	Leah Hurlley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Bill Hurlley	P	Ryon Riggan, City Treasurer
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Norman Barker	P	Jon Frey, Evansville Jays
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Steve Hagen, Marisol McElroy Lopez, Jeff Stevens
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Dianne Duggan, Tanner Van Drisse

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda with moving 11A and 11G to after 7 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 8-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting and April 21, 2026 Reorganizational Meeting and Approve as Presented by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 8-0.**

Corridon had a change on 4/15/2026 to 9A, Droster was absent and unable to vote.

5. **Civility Reminder:** Barnes issued a reminder that all City business is held with civility and decorum.

6. **Special Presentations:** None

7. **Citizen Appearances** (Public comments on items on the agenda not requiring a public hearing and on matters which can be affected by Council action.):

**Tanner Van Drisse:** Van Drisse has been working with the City to get approval to hang American Flags on 5 utility poles on First Street. Van Drisse is looking for approval. Council asked that Van Drisse work with City Staff to reach a conclusion.

8. **Reports of Committees**

A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from written report: General Updates: Every spring we do a series of school visits to promote our summer program and to encourage kids to keep reading over the summer. Today groups of 6<sup>th</sup> graders were at the Library for a scavenger hunt. They thoroughly explored the library while having fun. Later this month staff will be at Levi and Tris to promote our dinosaur summer theme “Unearth a Story.” Work to replace the clay tile roof is scheduled to begin June 15. The tile manufacturing won’t be completed until the first week in June. The Library Director is meeting with various community groups to identify community needs and outreach opportunities. We want to better understand current library use and identify ways to improve people’s awareness of services provided. We are looking for opportunities to fill identified needs through expanded library services and community partnerships. Program Updates: Thanks to support from Prairie Lakes Library System and the Middle School, we were able to host the 60-foot Wonder Whale and Fossil exhibit on April 25. We were very pleased that 256 people attended. The community has appreciated the children’s clothing swaps that we’ve held several times now. Leftover items are donated to the Care Closet. We will be taking a program break from May 26 – June 11 to allow time to prep for our summer programming. The Escape

Jurassic Library summer reading kickoff event will be on June 12 from 10am-2pm. Sign up for our children, teen, and adult reading programs will begin that day and run through August 7<sup>th</sup>. We greatly appreciate the \$500 gift from the Bank of New Glarus to provide book prizes for all ages in our summer reading program. Four children's programs are provided by the library system. The Friends of the Library group covers all remaining costs.

- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Stuart reported that the main topic of conversation was for the Jays. Barker shared that there was discussion about leaf pick up in the park and also requested to move Park Board meeting time due to Grove Society meeting conflict.
- 1) **Motion to Approve Waiver of \$100 Deposit, \$800 Athletic Field, and \$250 Ballfield Light Fees for Evansville Jays Baseball Team for 2026 Season, Total of \$1150 by Stuart, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- C. **Plan Commission Report:** Lathrop reported there were subdivision proposal plans shared and there was discussion after review of the Housing Chapter and the smart growth plan chapter 5 to address 3 goals. The items to further consider review ordinances for zoning, communicating goals of the City in current and future development, and look for incentives for developers and homeowners.
- D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Lathrop reported Johnson Block is hoping to have the audit completed by June. The First Quarter's Treasurer Report is in the packet but the goal in the future is to have a traditional Financial Statements to replace the Quarterly Reports. There was some review of Capital Improvement Plan and plans for Municipal Services.
- 1) **Motion to Accept the April 2026 City payments bills in the amount of \$2,414,435.89 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- 2) **First Quarter Treasurer's Report:** no comments or concerns
- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart reported that the ambulances will be parked and available for kids to look at during the Ice Cream Social for the Friends of the Library. There were donations given to all three emergency services by Kwik Trip and the Mallon family (owners of Culver's). There was discussion about bike and scooter safety.
- F. **Municipal Services Report:** Corridon stated there was a resident that had concerns about the final results of the road project on Mill/Railroad Streets and decisions were made for the Value of Local Utility funds from WPPI.
- 1) **Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Digger Derrick Truck from Custom Truck at a Cost of \$306,550 by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- Stevens brought up concerns about the bid process and additional costs for outfitting the Digger Derrick Truck.
- 2) **Motion to Approve MJ Electric's Labor Bid of \$959,266 for the Union Townline Substation Construction by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**
- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Shannon shared the Committee reviewed the powers and duties of the Committee. Discussion occurred on different ways to support local businesses.
- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Shannon reported a resident wants to demolish a carriage house due to lead paint contamination with interest to replace with a new structure. There was also discussion on a Lake Ridge Bank sign with potential lighting and the future of the lot where the Youth Center building is.
- J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared that the year-to-date calls are similar to last year. The Fire Chief and potentially Nate Perry from the School District will be at the next Public Safety meeting to participate in bike and scooter safety discussion.
- K. **Police Commission Report:** Did Not Meet
- L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Did Not Meet

M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did Not Meet

9. **Unfinished Business:** None

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant began his report addressing the roof for City Hall is scheduled for replacement on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Center, has submitted a grant to BlueScope with hopes that some information will be brought forward to Council soon. The Aquatic Center pool has been filled, and the Aquatic Director is hoping to have some open dates prior to last day of school on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Code Enforcement has been up and running with about 50-60 violations. The EMS garage remodel is underway and last week was a successful Civics' event with 6<sup>th</sup> graders that Clerk Hurtley had set up.

A. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-21 – A Resolution Designating Authorized Parties to Sign for Transactions Involving City Bank Accounts and Investments by Hurtley, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0-1, with Lathrop abstaining.**

Lengthy discussion occurred, specifically with considerations from Corridon.

11. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**

**Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-17 – Commendation for Dianne Duggan Read by Barnes. Motion passed 8-0.**

A. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-18 – Commendation for Joe Geoffrion by Lathrop, seconded by Shannon. Motion passed 8-0.**

B. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-19 – Establishing the Evansville Water & Light Workgroup as a Subcommittee of the Municipal Services Committee by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 8-0.**

C. **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-20 – Revising Membership of the Evansville Tourism Commission by Lathrop, seconded by Shannon. Motion passed 8-0.**

D. **Mayoral Proclamation #2026-07 – Emergency Medical Services Week:** Read by Barnes

E. **Mayoral Proclamation #2026-08 – Public Works Week:** Read by Barnes

F. **Motion to Approve Marisol McElroy, 541 W Main St, to the unexpired five-year term to the Police Commission ending 2028 by Droster, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 8-0.**

McElroy addressed the Council sharing professional and personal background and achievements.

12. **New Business:** None

13. **Introduction of New Ordinances**

A. **First Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-04 Amending Chapter 2 – Administration**

Sergeant gave an update on discussed changes that are being reviewed by Attorney

B. **Review CHS Contract:** Sergeant outlined some key points of the Developer Agreement.

14. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

B. 2026 Meetings: July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

15. **Closed Session:** **Motion that the Common Council shall convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate or negotiate potential terms for development in Tax Increment District #10. Competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session as discussions in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargains position. Upon completion, the Council will not reconvene in open session by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed at 8:04 by Roll Call 8-0.**