

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Regular Meeting
3rd Floor City Hall, 31 S Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536
Monday, May 18th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. 6:02 pm

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Norman Barker	A	Erik Ferrar, ECSD
Kelly Shannon	P	Colette Spranger, Com. Dev. Director
Jon Alling	P	Shawn Dunphy, Chamber of Commerce
Paul Liesse	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Pat Carr	P	
Sue Berg	P	

3. Chair Election. *Motion to nominate Kelly Shannon by Berg,* second by Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion to Approve Agenda as printed. *Motion by Berg, second by Shannon. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from March 17, 2026 meeting and approve as printed. *Motion by Berg, second by Liesse. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Civility Reminder

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

8. New Business

9. Old Business

A. Review Sec. 94-81. Powers and Duties.

Brief review of ideas discussed in April. The intention was to bring the new member up to date at this meeting, but he was unable to attend.

B. Library Partnership Update

Intro to AI class will be June 18th from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the library. She is working with someone at SCORE to identify what the market should be for their services – new owners, owners in the middle of their business planning, or should we feel out the community to identify the need.

10. Monthly Reports**A. Community Development Update.**

Results from the 170 E Church survey and in-person planning session are in. These were discussed at length by the committee. Some good insights from the community were gathered but gives the City a better idea on how to market the land. Permits through March were shared.

B. Chamber Update.

Art Crawl was a good success. Community guide is coming but has been very difficult this year to get published in a timely manner – the year is almost halfway through.

C. Tourism Update.

Brief report on the 4th of July committee's efforts, which are ongoing and happening. Another Maker's Market is anticipated to bring in foot traffic. Next Tourism meeting is in June.

11. Discussion**12. Next Meeting Dates:**

- A. Regular Meeting: June 15th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

13. Adjourn. Motion by Berg, second by Rutz. Motion carried unanimously.