

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Mayor, Abbey Barnes	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Bill Lathrop	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Bill Hurtley	P	Ryon Riggan, City Treasurer
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Kelly Shannon	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	A	Colette Spranger, Comm. Dev. Director
Aldersperson, Norman Barker	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Mark Spreitzer, State Senator
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Clinton Anderson, State Representative
		Daniel Harnack, Resident

Others: Jim Graham (CHS), Casey Griffiths (Ehlers), Chris Eager, Ron Gay, John Thielenhouse, Dana Basch

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda, with editing 8E-3i by Lathrop, seconded by Droster.**
Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon.** Motion passed 7-0.
Lathrop had correction to 8C: ~~concerns~~ goals, and to verify the spelling of Mallon on 8E
5. **Civility Reminder:** Barnes issued a reminder that all City business is held with civility and decorum.
6. **Special Presentations:**
 - A. **Wisconsin State Senator Mark Spreitzer and Representative Clinton Anderson - Legislative Citation Honoring Daniel Harnack :** Spreitzer and Anderson appreciated the work that Harnack has done in working almost 3 years as an Election Official as a High School Student. Especially with the scrutiny that elections come under.
 - B. **CHS Presentation:** Graham shared an update on the project. CHS will continue to monitor market conditions.
 - C. **Warming House in Leonard-Leota Park, PowerPoint Presentation by Chris Eager, Dan Stephens and Arthur McEvoy:** Eager wants to encourage City of Evansville to restore the Warming House and make it useful again.
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)
 - A. **Ron Gay:** Gay spoke in opposition of the City flying the Pride flag during the month of June.
 - B. **John Thielenhouse:** Thielenhouse returned to Council and spoke regarding property maintenance concerns of a neighboring property at 660 Windsor. Thielenhouse

requested Code Enforcement take action on junk items. Community Development Director will provide the City's outsourced Code Enforcement agency with the address.

- C. **Dana Basch:** Citizen Basch thanked Council for the decision to continue to fly the Pride flag.

8. Reports of Committees

- A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from written report: General Updates- The busy time of our year begins as our summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults start this Friday. This year's theme is "Unearth a Story." Our kickoff event will be Escape Jurassic Library from 10am-2pm. Avoid the roaming dinosaur, solve puzzles, and win a prize. All can sign up for our reading club to earn a book and other prizes this summer. Making life more interesting, Renaissance Historic Exteriors will begin our clay tile roof replacement with installation of scaffolding and fencing on June 15. The project will take approximately two months. During this time the Main Street door and the north facing door on First Street will be closed to the public. All clay tile will be replaced with replica tile produced by Ludowici, the original manufacturer of the 1909 roof. We are hiring a Library Aide. This is a year-round, part-time position of ten hours/week. Duties are primarily shelving and organization of library materials. Applicants must be age 14 or older and available late afternoons Monday – Friday. Program Updates- To help community members have a better understanding of basic AI tools, we will be holding an "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence" class on Thursday, June 18, at 6pm. This program and updates to the Ag/Business book collection are supported by WPPI Community Connections Funds. As part of America's 250th Anniversary celebration, the Evansville Grove Society and the Library have partnered to produce 250 Evansville commemorative coins. The public will be able to enter a drawing to win a coin on July 4th. The winner of the design contest was Kelly J. McKay. Professor John Hall will be speaking at the Library on "Irregular Warfare During the American Revolution." Learn what influenced the tactics of General Washington on Thursday, June 25, at 6pm. Check our website or sign up for our monthly newsletter to learn about activities for kids, teens, and adults based on this summer's theme. Learn about paleontology and see fossils from Kenosha's Dinosaur Discovery Museum on Tuesday, June 16, at 10am.
- B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Barker reported discussion occurred regarding the future of the old Park Store and the Warming House. In addition, the triangle at Lake Leota has been adopted and there are plans to build a kayak rack to place near the old Park Store.
- C. **Plan Commission Report:** Spranger shared that there will be a Special Meeting for Plan Commission on Thursday the 11th for a parcel on Cty Hwy M. This meeting will be to help the Ace Materials keep on schedule for building. Code Enforcement has been moving along nicely and has been in place for about 6 weeks.
- 1) **Motion to Approve a Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) to divide parcels 6-27-386 into two lots, finding that the application in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of City Ordinances, with the following condition: that the Applicant submit a Final Certified Survey Map within six months of Common Council Approval for the Preliminary CSM by Lathrop, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**
- D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report:** Lathrop shared that in addition to the motions, Mosher insurance was at the meeting to share the new lower premiums with the new carrier, Travelers.

- 1) **Motion to Accept the May 2026 City Payments in the amount of \$2,302,993.64 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 2) **Motion to Approve the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Contract by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- 3) **Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-23 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$6,040,000.00 Electric System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2026B by Lathrop, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
Griffiths from Ehler's shared the sales results and the background.

- 4) **Motion to Approve Replacement of Police and Community Development Secretary Position Description with Part-Time Police Secretary Position Description by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**
Sergeant shared the history of the position and where they see the position going.

- 5) **Motion to Approve the DiMAX Phone System Contract for 63 Months by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
Sergeant shared that the two copper landline phone lines that are left in the City building belong to the elevators in the Library and City Hall. AT&T has notified the City that they will be abandoning those lines. This will address those elevator lines and renew the current contract for less than the previous contract.

- 6) **Motion to Approve the Pest Control Agreements between Orkin, LLC for a One-Year Term by Lathrop, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

Sergeant shared the struggles with wildlife that have made their way into City Hall and the need for what is currently being provided.

E. Public Safety Committee Report

- 1) **Motion to Approval of the Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for a Class "A" Beer/ "Class A" Liquor License for: (background check recommendations provided by Chief Jones, unless otherwise noted)**
 - i) **Casey's Marketing Company**, Melissa A. Frank, Agent, 28 W. St. Mary St., Milton, WI 53563 d/b/a Casey's General Store # 3583, 230 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - ii) **Consumers Cooperative Oil Company**, Jessica Golz, Agent, 6909 N. County Rd. M #65 d/b/a Consumer Coop Oil Company, 9 John Lindemann Dr., Evansville, WI 53536
 - iii) **Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, LLC**, Corey Schmit, Agent, 17350 Brooklawn Dr., Brookfield WI, 53045 d/b/a Family Dollar Store #24446, 28 County Highway M, Evansville, WI 53536
 - iv) **Kopecky's Worldwide Foods, Inc.**, John T. Kopecky, Agent, N7575 Cty Rd X, Albany, WI, 53502, d/b/a Kopecky's Piggly Wiggly, 8 N. County Road M, Evansville, WI 53536
 - v) **Kwik Trip, Inc.**, Christopher Turenwald, Agent, 107 Parkview Dr., Milton, WI 53563 d/b/a Kwik Trip, Inc. 1750, 680 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - vi) **Madison Street Express, Inc.**, Parminder K. Sekhon, Agent, 2644 Granite Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, d/b/a All-N-One, 104 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - vii) **SD Evansville Minimart, Inc.**, Manvir Singh, Agent, 905 E. 10th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520, d/b/a SD Evansville Minimart, Inc., 350 Union Street, Evansville, WI 53536
Motion by Stuart, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.
There was discussion about the SD Evansville Minimart, Inc and the concerns that had been brought up in the past.

- 2) **Motion to Approve the *Renewal* Alcohol Beverage License applications for a Class “B” Beer/ “Class B” Liquor License for: (background check recommendations provided by Chief Jones, unless otherwise noted)**
- i) **139 E. Main Street LLC**, Tawfick (Tommy) Hanna, Agent, 3018 Maple Grove Dr., Madison, WI 5379, d/b/a Allen Creek Coffeehouse, 137 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - ii) **Bessire Bowl, LLC**, Joel Bessire, Agent, 221 Noah’s Arc Ct, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Blue Devil Bowl, 108 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - iii) **Creeside Place Inc.**, Rhonda Fahey, Agent, 13231 W State Road 59, Evansville, WI 53536 d/b/a Creekside Place Inc., 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - iv) **Evansville Memorial Post 6905 VFW**, John L Schneider, Agent, 15542 W. Francis Road, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a VFW Memorial Post, 179 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - v) **Pete’s Inn Inc.**, Sheri Biddick, Agent, 694 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Pete’s Inn Inc., 14 N. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - vi) **Slice Golf, LLC**, Sarah Kilps Tomlin, Agent, 102 N. Windmill Ridge Road, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a Slice Golf, 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 - vii) **The Night Owl Food & Spirits Inc.**, Gregory P Ardisson, Agent, 217 N. Sixth Street, Evansville, WI 53536, d/b/a The Night Owl Sports Pub & Eatery, 189 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536
- Motion by Stuart, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**
Clerk Hurtley shared that there is one establishment El Vallarta that didn’t meet the deadlines, so they will lapse unless Special Meetings are held.

3) **Discussion with Possible Motion to Approve the Class “B”/Class B” Temporary Extension of Premises Application with no more than 8 teams participating for:**

- i) **Pete’s Inn, Inc. – Bags League**: 14 N. Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536 from 7:00 ~~6:00~~ p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday from June 3, 2026, through August 26, 2026

Motion by Stuart, seconded by Corridon.

Stuart shared the details for the application. Clerk Hurtley shared what the Municipal Code states for the extension of premises and the restrictions.

Motion to Amend the Motion to Approve the Class “B”/Class B” Temporary Extension of Premises Application with no more than 8 teams participating for Pete’s Inn, Inc. – Bags League: 14 N Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday from June 3, 2026 through September 26, 2026 with the condition that there will be a Staff Member at the entrance to the bags wearing a Staff shirt, the fencing, lighting at fall, and a sweep for cups by Stuart, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 6-1, with Lathrop opposed.

Stuart reported that EMS calls are up over last year, and there are new staff that are finishing their training. The Police Department calls are up over last year as well. Other items discussed included electric scooters, and 4th of July events.

F. **Municipal Services Report**

- 1) **Motion to Approve the Union Townline Substation Relay Bid to Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) for a lump sum bid price of \$108,952.00 by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

- 2) **Motion to Approve Resolution #2026-22 Review of the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) by Corridon, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**

Corridon reported that there was discussion with residents in regard to their concerns about their retaining wall after the streets project last year. They were encouraged to meet with City Engineer Berquist. In addition, most of the City buildings have completed the repair work from the hailstorm. City Hall and WWTP are about a month out from having their roofs replaced. Other items discussed included 2028 truck purchase and a sewer credit.

- G. **Economic Development Committee Report:** Shannon reported that Shannon is the new Chair of the Committee. There was discussion about local outreach and had met with Yellow Dog Deli. There was additional discussion with onboarding new businesses and supporting businesses located in Evansville. There are preliminary results for 170 East Church that are available on the City Website.
- H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet
- I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Spranger reported that the sign for Dysfunctional Fitness was approved, the Ice Age Trail kiosk was approved for Antes Drive, and the windows and doors replacements at the Park Store were approved.
- J. **Fire District Report:** Stuart shared that there was a commendation for Mitzi who was the accountant for the Fire District for 30 years. There was an appeal for the fire fee that was approved as well.
- 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 shared the updates for the Ordinance. Some items covered included: Longfield Street is underway, new mural at The Grange Building, Riggan has been learning the ways at City Hall, and Special Meetings for Public Safety and Common Council at 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- A. **Second Reading and Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-04 Amending Chapter 2 – Administration with the additional change to 2-98(c)(2) with the change of \$5000 to \$10,000 by Lathrop, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**
11. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Barnes mentioned that some additional wins for the City included: Public Works fixing the Spraypad in time for the Spraypad to be turned on for the higher temps over Memorial Day weekend, the shade canopy installed at the Spraypad, the bulk dumpster was a hit with residents, and the Aquatic Center was open early for lap swim and Zumba. Barnes would like to add time at the next meeting for closing comments to have any comments, feedback from constituents, suggestions, or concerns brought up.
12. **New Business**
- A. **Motion to Waive Limits of Section 130-109 of the City of Evansville Municipal Code and Accept Plan Commission's Extension of the Construction Commencement Time Limit of Conditional Use Permit 2023-0193 to August 1, 2031, as described in the 2026 Amendment to the CHS Development Agreement by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**
- Attorney Kopp shared that the original Conditional Use Permit was approved by

Plan Commission for 2 years. The ordinance now has a limit of 365 days for how long a Conditional Use Permit lasts. The Conditional Use Permits needs to be extended to match the Amendment to the CHS Development Agreement. Kopp wasn't comfortable with Plan Commission over-riding the limits and would prefer it to be a Council decision.

B. Review and Motion to Approve 2026 Amendment to CHS Development Agreement by Lathrop, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.

Sergeant shared that the original agreement had a deadline date of July of 2026 the ability for the City to pull their obligation to the agreement. CHS has spent a lot of money to continue to move the project forward. The extension would be to encourage CHS to build in the next few years.

13. Introduction of New Ordinances

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-05, Rezoning Parcel 6-27-559.5171: read by Barnes

14. Upcoming Meeting Reminder: Special Meetings: June 30—Public Safety at 6:15 p.m. and Common Council at 6:30 p.m.

A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

15. Adjourn: Barnes adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.