

City of Evansville
Finance and Labor Relations Committee
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536
Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA - REVISED

1. **Call to Order:** Lathrop called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair, Bill Lathrop	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Ben Corridon	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Erika Stuart	P	Ryon Riggan, City Treasurer
		Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
		Abbey Barnes, Mayor

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.**

4. **Motion to Waive the reading of the Minutes of the July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve them as printed by Corridon, seconded by Lathrop. Motion passed 3-0.**

5. **Civility Reminder:** Lathrop issued a reminder that all City Business is handled with Civility and Friendliness.

6. **Citizen Appearances:** None

7. **Motion to Accept the July 2026 City Payments in the amount of \$2,443,129.28 by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

Items discussed included: Repairs at the Aquatic Center, HVAC maintenance at the Library, Trees charged to Tourism, and Capital Expenditures such as overhead to underground projects.

8. **New Business**

A. **Discussion and Motion to Recommend R & T Voegeli Excavating, LLC's Contract for the project 2026 Drainage Improvement at Larson Acres Park, for the base bid, plus the alternate bid 2 for a total of \$113,090 and directing staff to reduce project scope to meet capital budget of \$76,900 and secure reductions of payments in the amount of \$14,000 from Rock Road Company to offset alternate bid 2 costs by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.**

Sergeant pulled up the GIS to show the scope of the work to be completed.

B. **Review of 2025 Draft Audit:** Riggan shared that Johnson Block has provided the draft and plan to be at the Common Council meeting and will finalize shortly after the Common Council meeting. Lathrop shared some key take aways from the report.

C. **Review of 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report:** Riggan outlined key points outlined in the Staff Report.

D. **Motion to Recommend Proposal of Other Post-Employment Benefits "OPEB" Valuation from Foster & Foster for the 4-year plan by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.**

Riggan reported that the other post-employment benefits are required to have value assigned to them as they are in the auditor reports.

E. **Distribution and Possible Discussion of First Draft Budget and CIP**

Sergeant shared that this is a very early first draft before the normal first draft that Council sees. The numbers from the State should be available at the end of August. 2026 asks for the Rate Case have been pulled out of the 2027 budget to reflect accurate amounts. The positions that are in the Rate Case wouldn't be hired until the Rate Case has been completed.

F. Discussion Regarding Citizen Appointments to the Finance Committee

Lathrop shared that Krysinski from Johnson Block expressed a need for financial expertise in the City's oversight roles. Krysinski shared that many Communities have citizen appointments to the Finance Committee to offer the expertise that is needed to read financial statements. Lathrop would like to add 2 Citizen positions to offer more insight and keep the odd numbers.

G. Discussion and Motion to Recommend Upper 90 Energy, LLC Contract by Corridon, seconded by Stuart. Motion passed 3-0.

Sergeant reported that there was a discussion last year about doing another grant for Energy Independence through the Public Service Commission. One of the parts was for the signed contract and it was discovered that it hadn't been signed before.

9. Old Business

A. 2026 Electric Rate Case Submission: Sergeant reported that it had been submitted with removing the Accounting Assistant position that dropped it by almost a full percent.

B. Review of Amended Position Descriptions (City Administrator/Finance Director, EMS Chief, Chief of Police, Public Works Parks Custodian)

Lathrop verified that only the pay grade classification changes.

10. City Administrator/Finance Director Report: Sergeant shared that there is a Leaf Vac that is at auction. The discussion concluded with calling a special meeting for Common Council to decide whether to approve attempt to purchase or not. Roofs have been replaced from the Hailstorm. Sergeant will be out of town and Barnes will be filling in for anything that may come up.

11. Next Meeting Dates:

A. 2026 Meetings, held the Wednesday before Council at 3:00 p.m.: September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

12. Adjourn: Lathrop adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.