

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, August 11, 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	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Bill Lathrop	P	Scott Kriebs, Municipal Services Director
Aldersperson, Bill Hurtley	P	Ryon Riggan, City Treasurer
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	A	Colette Spranger, Comm. Dev. Director
Aldersperson, Kelly Knoble	P	Bronna Lehmann, Library Director
Aldersperson, Chuck Boyce	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney (remotely)
Aldersperson, Norman Barker	P	Amy Floan, AWARE Program Manager
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Nick Bubolz, Town & Country Engineer
Aldersperson, Lita Droster	P	Keven Krysinski, Johnson Block
Citizens: Steve Hagen, John Brandon, Jeff Stevens, Denise Janssen Eager, Chris Eager		

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda, moving 8D2 before 8D1, by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.**
4. **Motion to Waive the Reading of Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting and Approve as Presented by Lathrop, seconded by Droster. Motion passed 7-0.**
5. **Civility Reminder:** Barnes issued a reminder that all City business is held with civility and decorum.
6. **Special Presentations**
 - A. **Aware Presentation** - Amy Floan, Program Manager
Floan expressed thanks for the City's support going back to the beginning of the program in 1998. Floan provided a letter in the packet for an update on programs that have occurred in the last year. There has been a small increase in community needs but have not added any additional programs. Floan noted that the Emergency Assistance had been \$4000 from bell ringing at the Piggly Wiggly. With \$2500 of contributions from St. John's Lutheran Church, had bumped the fund up to \$10,000 and is still finding funding is short.
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. **Chris Eager:** Shared that the Grove Society is hosting a Historic House Tour this year and would like to donate the proceeds earned towards the rehabilitation of the Warming House in Leonard Leota Park. The Grove Society would like to have Dan Stephans look for contractors that can perform the work at a reasonable price.
Eager has also asked Roger Berg for assistance in fundraising for the rehabilitation.
 - B. **Jeff Stevens:** Stevens shared concerns from the Audit Report.
 - C. **John Brandon:** Brandon shared an outline of events for the Almeron Street reconstruction project.

- D. **Denise Janssen Eager:** Eager wanted to express gratitude for starting a conversation about Data Centers prior to any of them coming and wanting to build in Evansville. Eager also shared concerns about any potential business wanting to have non-disclosure agreements.

8. **Reports of Committees**

- A. **Library Board Report:** Lehmann read from written report: General Updates- Renaissance Roofing has completed installing the Library's new clay tile roof. The scaffolding will be taken down next week. We have 100 new tiles stored for future minor repairs. People who would like a piece of Evansville history can still pick up a tile from our 1908 roof. They are stacked in the First Street vestibule. People are using them for garden décor and craft projects. Program Updates- Our summer reading program for children, teens, and adults ended on Friday. This year 186 children and 72 teens registered for the program. They have until the end of the month to turn in their tracking sheet and claim their prize book. So far children read 920 hours and teens read 852 hours. Last year 159 children and 60 teens registered. The adult program resulted in 84 people completing a bingo and reading 1055 books total over the eight weeks. Join us on Saturday, August 22, from 10-noon for Machines on Main. Get up close with the big machinery used on family farms thanks to the DeLong Company. We will be continuing Spice Club for another six months. Stop by to pick up a sample of the month's spice along with a recipe to try at home and the spice's botanical and culinary history.

B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:**

1) **Warming House Update**

Barker shared that Park Board made the recommendation to Common Council that the Warming House rehabilitation be given the highest priority possible. Other updates include that Speed Bumps have been installed at Leonard Leota Park.

C. **Plan Commission Report:** Spranger shared information updates regarding Data Centers and non-disclosure agreements.

D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

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

2) **Johnson Block 2025 Audit Presentation:** Krysinski broke down the audit process and key items that were discovered during the audit process and are outlined in the packet.

3) **Motion to Approve the Proposal of Other Post-Employment Benefits "OPEB" Valuation from Foster & Foster for the 4-year plan by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon.**

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

Motion to remove from the table and move to September Agenda by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 7-0.

4) **Motion to Approve the Upper 90 Energy LLC Contract in the amount of \$101,000 by Lathrop, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

Lathrop shared that Upper 90 had done an audit of the City awhile ago which was paid for with a grant. There was a list of suggestions of improvements pertaining to lighting. All of this will be paid for with the grant. An appendix with correct dates was handed out to Council.

5) 2026 Electric Rate Case Update:

- i) Submitted on 7/23/2026 for a proposed increase of 11.89%. This decreased from the original 12.90%.**

Lathrop shared the updated amount that was submitted for the Rate Case was with removing the Accounting Assistant job description.

Lathrop also shared information from the Second Quarter's Treasurer Report, and that there was a discussion about adding 2 Citizen positions to the Finance and Labor Relations Committee.

- E. Public Safety Committee Report:** Boyce shared information about the Monster Mash event, higher number of calls this year, and an update to the Traffic Ordinance to add stop signs.

Motion to Approve the Class "B"/Class B" Temporary Extension of Premises Application for:

- 1) Slice Golf –Slice Fest: 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, on September 12, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. blocking off two parking spaces in front of Slice**
- 2) Slice Golf –Fall Fest & Monster Mash Market: 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, on October 10, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Main Street from Madison Street to Maple Street)**
- 3) Evansville Chamber of Commerce –Fall Fest & Monster Mash Market: 25 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on October 10, 2026. (Main Street from First Street to Madison Street)**
- 4) Slice Golf – Bar Olympics: 1 E. Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536, on August 29, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Blocking off the two parking spaces in front of Slice, southeast side of the four-corner intersection)**
Motion by Boyce, seconded by Noble. Motion passed 7-0.

- F. Municipal Services Report:** Corridon shared that there was a citizen that came to the meeting to share concerns about semis using the new roads on Walker/Cherry Streets. It was also shared that tree trimming has been completed along with Utility Pole inspections.

- 1) Motion to Approve 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 Lathrop. Motion passed by Roll Call 7-0.**

Bubolz shared the scope of the project work to be completed. Bubolz also shared an update that the Longfield Street project is behind schedule.

- G. Economic Development Committee Report:** Knoble reported that there was no quorum to meet.

~~H. Youth Center Advisory Board Report~~

I. **Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Knoble shared that the new owners of 101 W Church came to talk about future plans for a Quilt Shop and Classes.

J. **Fire District Report:** Droster reported that there was a planned house fire training opportunity for 22 Evansville District Firefighters along with 20 additional Firefighters from other Departments. There was a grant that was received to cover the cost of the training. The biggest need for the Fire District is for additional help during the day.

~~K. Police Commission Report~~

~~L. Energy Independence Team Report~~

~~M. Board of Appeals Report~~

9. **Unfinished Business:** None

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** None

11. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Barnes shared updates for the spills on Main Street that occurred on August 3rd, continued efforts to stream Council Meetings, and the upcoming Circus event planned for August 18-20th.

12. **New Business**

A. **Alderpersion Closing Comments:**

Droster: Shared that there are Residents that are looking for a weekly update for the work done on Hwy 14.

Corridon: Shared his appreciation for the Election Workers communication and understanding regarding ballots.

Barker: Shared concerns about speeding on Garfield Avenue between 2nd and 4th Street. Barnes shared an update that the Traffic Ordinance is to add a Stop Sign on Garfield Avenue at 3rd Street to make it a 4-way stop. Barker also wanted to share that the History of the Park event is this Sunday at the Upper Pavilion.

Lathrop: Shared concerns on the November meeting date due to it being the same day of the General Election. It would be a meeting to finalize the budget for the next year and would like to see the meeting be moved to a new date.

Boyce: Would like to see City Wide Garage Sales be moved to prior Bulk Trash pickup.

13. **Introduction of New Ordinances**

A. **First Reading of Ordinance 2026-06 Amending Chapter 122 Traffic and Vehicles**
Read by Barnes.

10. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**

A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

11. **Adjourn:** Barnes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.