

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Monday, October 17, 2022 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Brooks called meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair James Brooks	P	Com. Dev. Director Colette Spranger
Ben Ladick, Vice Chair	P	Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today
Jon Alling	P	City Administrator Jason Sergeant
Abbey Barnes	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Vacant		

3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Berg, seconded by Rutz, approved unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting and approve them as printed by Ladick, seconded by Berg, approved unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder. Brooks reminded the committee of the City's commitments to civil discourse.

6. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items. None

7. Monthly Report

A. Community Development Update. Spranger gave the report. The City has been accept as a Connect Community with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

B. Chamber of Commerce Report. Barnes gave the report on behalf of the Chamber. There was low turnout for Olde Fashioned Christmas due to extremely cold weather. Three good things that happened included appearances by the Grinch and Mrs Claus with help by the Fire Department, carriage rides remaining popular, and no flooding.

C. Tourism Commission Report. Berg gave the report. Nancy Nelson has stepped down, effective January. Jenny Wiedel is now the representative from Creekside. Berg is seeking more members.

8. Discussion.

A. 2023 EDC Goals. The group discussed and finalized the City's goals for economic development in 2023. They were: Visiting Local Businesses, Redeveloping the Economic Development part of the City's website, redeveloping the Building Improvement Grant and Revolving Loan Fund programs, developing a master plan for the Highway 14

corridor area, providing opportunities for incubating new businesses in Evansville. These will provide the focus for the group's work for 2023.

- B. Closed session:** Upon proper motion and vote, the Economic Development Committee went into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin statutes because the body conducted other specified public business involving public property that involves competitive or bargaining reasons.

The Committee did not reconvene after the closed session.

- 9. Next Meeting Dates: Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00pm.**