

**City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting**
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to order:** Duggan called the meeting to order at *6:22 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Abbey Barnes	A	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Mark Kopp, City Attorney (remotely)
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	
Aldersperson, Corey Neeley	P	
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	A	

3. **Motion to approve the agenda, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed 6-0.**

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular meeting and approve as presented, by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion passed 6-0.**

Corridon had a question about residency, and 7C-3: address to “addressed.”

5. **Civility reminder:** Duggan noted the City’s commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.

6. **Citizen appearances:** None.

7. **Reports of Committees:**

A. **Library Board Report:** No report.

B. **Parks and Recreation Board Report:** Did Not Meet.

C. **Plan Commission Report:** Did Not Meet.

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

1) **Motion to accept the December 2023 City bills as presented in the amount of \$2,046,146.38, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

2) **Motion to approve Resolution 2023-23 to Amend Chapter 106 - Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places Fees, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Motion to amend to delete the 4th “Whereas” in Resolution 2023-23, and to maintain the \$25 rate for both types of closures, by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. Motion to Amend passed 6-0.

3) **Motion to approve the Agreement with General Engineering for Building Inspection Services, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Sergeant – date would be filled in when it comes back to city for signature. The proposed term of the contract would expire December 10, 2024, with a 60-day notice to cancel. The contact person on the contract will be Sergeant.

4) **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 to Amend Building Inspection Fees, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.**

Sergeant –updated fee schedule will align with the General Engineering contract.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Lewis – reported a short meeting with a few Operator Licenses approvals. Corridon contributed a follow up with Pete’s Inn, stating issues have ceased.
 - F. **Municipal Services Report:** Brooks –reported no quorum. Brooks contributed Evansville is being recognized by MEUW Live Lines, in WPPI’s Digest. Another interview scheduled with Utility Billing Clerk for the Customer Connections Newsletter. 2024 electric rates will be coming in about 4% higher than 2023 actuals, 8% less than 2023 budget.
 - G. **Economic Development Committee:** Brooks –reported meeting discussion included goals for 2024, including another summit to focus on jobs.
 - H. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report:** Did Not Meet.
 - I. **Historic Preservation Commission:** Did Not Meet.
 - J. **Fire District Report:** Brooks –reported first Full-Time Firefighter job position has been posted. Goal is to complete interviews at the end of January/early February, with employee starting by March 1st.
 - K. **Police Commission Report:** Duggan –reported approval of a new Officer occurred.
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report:** Brooks –reported meeting to be held February 7th. Edgerton and Evansville are joining for the Energy Conservation Project.
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report:** Did Not Meet.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant –reported email was sent out with Edgerton Energy Planning information. Edgerton is pursuing a grant, so there will be no liability costs to Evansville. Code compliance studies for the City Hall stairs and the Youth Center are expected, drafts should be made available next week. New countertop installation occurred in all of City Hall. Weekly meetings are occurring to bring NorthStar online in February. Continued conversations regarding CHS and TIF-10 with a Joint Review Board meeting scheduled for January 10th pending final approval on TIF-10.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:**
- A. *Motion to appoint/reappoint members to the Tourism Commission for a one year term ending January 2025, as follows: Raj Patel, 715 Brown School Rd, Evansville, as the lodging industry representative; Sue Berg, 321 Garfield Ave, Evansville, as the Economic Development Committee member with public relations background; Jim Brooks, 310 S Sixth St, Evansville, as Alderperson serving on the Economic Development Committee; Abbey Barnes, 228 W Main St, Evansville serving as a business owner; Jenny Weidel, 122 W Liberty St, Evansville, as a Creekside member; Ben Corridon, 29 W Liberty St, Evansville serving as a citizen member and Shawn Dunphy, 213 Maple St, Evansville, as Executive Director of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.*
- Discussion occurred to include language on Tourism agendas to read “Notice is given that members of the City Council might be in attendance,” as there are three Council members on the commission.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances:** None
13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:**
- A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
14. Duggan adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Leah Hurley, City Clerk

**Meeting started late due to lack of quorum.*