

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll call.**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	Leah Hurtley, City Clerk
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	P	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Colette Spranger, Comm Dev Director
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Megan Kloeckner, Library Director
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	Julie Roberts, City Treasurer
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Kendall Wethal, Citizen
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Kelly Gildner, Evansville Review
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	Dylan Morgan, Citizen
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Jason Tishler, Citizen
		Arlene Larson, Citizen
		Regina Mac Naughton, Citizen
		Norman, Barker, Citizen
		Ted Gries, Citizen
		Diane Skinner, Citizen
		Darian Dalsen, Citizen

3. **Motion to approve the agenda, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried 8-0.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular meeting and approve as presented, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried 8-0.**
5. **Civility reminder.** Duggan noted the City’s commitment to civility and decorum at Council Meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.**

A. Mayoral Proclamation: Commending Kendall Wethal for his Distinguished Service to Leonard Leota Park and the City of Evansville.

Brooks read the Mayoral Proclamation, commending Kendall Wethal for his Distinguished Service to Leonard Leota Park and the City of Evansville. Wethal was in attendance to receive the official proclamation given to him by Mayor Duggan.

B. Arlene Larson (5 mins): Larson read from a written statement which she provided to Council members. Larson is in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code -Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Jason Tishler: Tishler spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code - Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Dylan Morgan: Morgan spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code - Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Regina Mac Naughton: Mac Naughton spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code -Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Norman Barker: Barker spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code - Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Ted Gries: Gries spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code -Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Diane Skinner: Skinner spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code - Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

Darian Dalsen: Dalsen spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Municipal Code - Animals as it pertains to dogs at large in Leonard Leota Park. No action was taken.

7. Reports of Committees

- A. **Library Board Report:** Kloeckner handed out a flyer for the Spring Flyers activities. Kloeckner read her report which stated: We are hiring for the position of library clerk. Applications are due by Sunday, April 9. The Community Quilt is complete! We have it on display inside the First Street entrance. We are hosting a 4K open house next week. We will offer multiple programs over Spring Break. We will have a penguin program during the week of Spring Break where Jean Pennycook, a penguin scientist in the South Pole will be available via Zoom. We'll also have a virtual reality penguin game available for attendees to try out. Flipped Board games will be at the library during our Board Game Thursdays. Movie Sing-Along. We are participating in the One Seed One Wisconsin initiative this year. This year's seed is the Wisconsin 55 tomato. We have seeds available at the library and the Rock Prairie Master Gardner Association will be giving a presentation on the best practices in the propagation and care of tomatoes later this month.
- 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 February 2023 City bills as presented in the amount of \$5,404,802.24, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley. Motion carried by Roll Call 8-0.*
 - 2) *Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 - Establishing an Increase in Compensation for Election Officials, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried by Roll Call 8-0.* Hurtley thanked the Council for the passing of the Resolution. In return, Duggan congratulated Hurtley on a successful Primary Election.
 - 3) *Motion to approve Water Tower Access and Lease Agreements, by Brooks, seconded by Neeley.* Brooks asked if it was still contingent. Sergeant explained that Verizon had accepted almost all of the changes that were in the original packet. Sergeant said that the City Attorney had looked it over, and both were pleased with Verizon acceptance of the changes. If approved, the Right of Entry in the Packet, is the correct one. The new Lease, handed out by Hurtley prior to the meeting, would be the Lease approved. *Motion carried by Roll Call 8-0.*
 - 4) **Fourth Quarter 2023 Treasurer's Report:** Roberts reported that the Cash Account Summary is a summary of the bank accounts as of December 31, 2022. The remainder of the report are where the accounts were at the end of 2022. Brooks mentioned that there was discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting about the LGIP funds, to see if they were dedicated to a project.
- E. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Stuart reported Committee had issued Operator Licenses, with only one denial due to non-recommendation. EMS and Police are experiencing increase of calls

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and noted staffing issues. Chief Kleisch has been working with training entities to bring in more EMT's, to ease the staff shortage.

F. Municipal Services Report

- 1) **Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 – Establishing Yard Waste Site Fees, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison.** Discussion points included the last time the fees were raised for nonresident and commercial access, which was answered as fees have remained the same since permissible access began around 2018. **Motion carried by Roll Call 8-0.**

G. Economic Development Committee: Brooks reported additional discussion on the Economic Summit which has caused some excitement. Mural on South Madison/East Main will have some interactive aspects incorporated. Neeley added input about Wisconsin Rural Partners as a potential event to attend.

H. Youth Center Advisory Board Report: Corridon reported that the Youth Center had replaced the front doors. The Spring Kickball event has been set for May 21st at Lake Leota Park. The Board will continue to work on some additional planning aspects of the event.

I. Historic Preservation Commission: Lewis reported 216 West Main Street's application was approved to replace the siding. 137 East Main-Sign for Allen Creek Café was approved. The next meeting will meet at 224 West Church Street for the meeting on 3/15.

J. Fire District Report: Brooks reported that the building will be paid off in April. Additionally, all of the Townships have expressed interest in a merger.

K. Police Commission Report: Did not meet.

L. Energy Independence Team Report: Did not meet.

M. Board of Appeals Report: Did not meet.

8. **Unfinished Business:** None.

9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator:** Sergeant reported painting preparation has started for City Hall and should be completed next week. New carpet will also be installed. Self-Evaluation forms have been handed out to help with annual Performance Reviews. Sergeant has worked with the Water and Light Foreperson, Kerry Lindroth, on Performance Reviews for staff as well. Sergeant has asked a former Municipal Services Director to come back and help a couple days a week with some of the larger Electrical Projects to keep moving forward. Sergeant reported that Clerk Hurtley and Deputy Clerk Klitzman have been doing really well at Bank Rec and have started to streamline some of the processes. The new Customer Service Assistant Natrop has been getting exposed to a large variety of items and absorbing everything.

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor:** Mayor Duggan extended appreciation for Council members for work done. Duggan asked for Council to start raising hands or wait to be addressed prior to speaking at meetings to ensure everyone is being heard. Duggan observed and enjoyed watching Evansville and Footville EMS teams work together.

11. **New Business:** None.

12. Introduction of New Ordinances

A. **First Reading of Ordinance 2023-03, Amending Chapter 14 – Animals,** was read by Brooks. No discussion occurred.

13. Upcoming Meeting Reminder:

A. Regular Common Council Meeting, Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

14. **Closed Session:** **Motion that the Common Council shall convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin statutes to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or**

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bargaining reasons require a closed session and where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position. Upon completion, the Common Council will not reconvene in open session, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. Motion carried by Roll Call 8-0.

Leah Hurtley, City Clerk