Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Hurtley at 6:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, James Montgomery, and Erika Stuart. Alderpersons Matt Brown and Josh Manring were absent. Other present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, and Library Director Megan Kloeckner.
3. Approval of Agenda. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.

1. Approval of Minutes. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to make the following corrections to the minutes: Item 7D3 correcting Dan Welks to read Dan Laux; and Item 10D correcting internment to read interment, and approve the minutes as corrected. Motion approved 6-0.
2. Civility reminder. Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
3. Citizen appearances. None
4. Reports of Committees
   1. Library Board Report. Kloeckner reported a speaker on World War I will be at the library at the end of the month.  New early literacy programs include Thursday night Storytimes, Book Buddies, and Baby & Me Storytimes. Summer Reading had 24 adults who read 227 books, 27 teens read 1,228 hours, and 75 kids read 2,034 hours.  They had 21 children's programs and 381 total attendance; 14 young adult programs and 98 total attendance; and 104 walk-in crafts were completed. 150 Extraordinary Women fundraiser event is Sunday, September 18th. They have raised $519,075 to date and if they reach their goal of 150 women, they will be close to $670,000. Montgomery requested that after reaching their fundraising goal, they continue with their fundraising efforts.
   2. Youth Center Advisory Board Report. Brooks reported they got through back to school night successfully and the kids are excited to meet the Mayor on the 20th.
   3. Plan Commission Report. Hurtley reported they approved an addition to the Smoke House (104 N Madison Street), and they are working on the first reading of the ordinance for allowing chickens within the city limits.
   4. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report. Montgomery reported they are starting to work on the budget.
      1. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Brooks to accept the City and Water & Light bills as presented in the amount of $1,031,543.44. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
      2. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Seminary Park Agreement – (1985 WHEDA Grant of $490,993). Brooks asked if there was anything in this contract that would be setting a precedence for other projects in the city and Rigg stated that he saw no indication that this was to be repaid. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
   5. Public Safety Committee Report. Montgomery reported EMS had 41 calls for service in August. The Fall Drug Take Back Day is on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the EPD; at a recent Governor’s Conference EPD was awarded a $4,000 Click It or Ticket grant; Chief McElroy met with school administration staff to discuss various school related issues; there were 818 calls for service in August; and they hired Georgean Hunt for a permanent part-time clerical position. Budget review is ongoing for both departments.
   6. Municipal Services Report
      1. Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve contract with Town and Country Engineering for WWTP Screw Press construction design. Rigg stated we’ve been planning to do this but need a contract to outline the costs. There was a public meeting on this but no one showed up. Brooks commented that this is future focused. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
      2. Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Resolution 2016- 23, Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Clean Water Fund. Rigg explained that this will cover any expenses incurred prior to receiving the loan. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
      3. Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Resolution 2016 – 24, Resolution Appointing Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Clean Water Fund. Rigg explained this will authorize Mayor Hurtley to file the application. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
      4. Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve maintenance contract with WES Engineering Inc. Ladick clarified that this contract pertains to the wind turbine. Rigg stated the cost of this contract is less than what we currently pay and response time should be quicker. This is a 3 year contract with a 2 year renewal option. He added that we have met our production goals for the year. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
   7. Economic Development Committee Report. Lewis stated a report done by the Entrepreneur Sub Committee was extensive and quite interesting and they are looking at condensing it at which point he will share with the Council; they discussed the preliminary budget; and representatives from the marketing video are in town talking with businesses.
   8. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.
   9. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Ladick reported they had a brief meeting. The pool is now closed; they did have to replace an expensive filter this year and they will be doing a pool study to see what options there are for the future of the pool and park store. Rigg stated the study would look at ADA needs, OSHA requirements, mechanical needs, and whether the buildings have historic value.
   10. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Lewis reported they had an application for a greenhouse removal at 341 S First Street and they discussed the possible choices of acceptable materials for simple repairs.
   11. Fire District Report. No report.
   12. Police Commission Report. No report.
   13. Energy Independence Team Report. No report.
   14. Board of Appeals Report. No report.
5. Unfinished Business
   1. Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to adoptOrdinance 2016-14 Amendment to Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code – Cemetery. One typo was identified, changing inured to inurned. Motion, with correction, approved 6-0.
   2. Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Cole to adopt Ordinance 2016-15, Amending Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code, Parking Restrictions for Trailers and Certain other Vehicles on Public Streets. Montgomery stated people should not be allowed to park private vehicles on public right of way; currently people move their vehicles every couple of days to avoid tickets; and the Fire Department has said that if vehicles were parked on each side of the street it would be almost impossible to get an engine through. Brooks noted that the last time this issue was before the Council there were more against it than for it. Motion approved 5-1 with Brooks opposing.
6. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator. Rigg gave a brief update on the budget process stating the focus was more on the future and what has changed since the previous year.  Rigg also mentioned the addition of staff to the office, reminded Council about the Wisconsin Municipal League, the ICMA conference, and hydrant flushing is starting next week.
7. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor
   1. Appointment of Abbey Barnes, 455 Jefferson St, Oregon WI, to complete the unfinished term of Gerry Hels on the Park Board. No action taken on this item as it was listed with the incorrect committee.
8. New Business. None
9. Introduction of New Ordinances
   1. Brooks presented the First reading ofOrdinance 2016-16 Amending Chapter 126 of the Municipal Code, Section IV, Stormwater Utility.
   2. Brooks presented the First reading of Ordinance 2016-17 Amending Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code, Abandonment Prohibited.
10. Meeting Reminders
    1. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 6:30 p.m., City Hall
    2. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 6:30 p.m., City Hall
    3. Budget Hearing: Thursday, November 10, 2016 6:00 p.m., City Hall
11. Adjournment. Cole made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion approved 6-0.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer