

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 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 6:31 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Ben Ladick, Gene Lewis, Josh Manring, James Montgomery, and Erika Stuart. Matt Brown was absent. Other present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, and members of the public.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda as printed. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of January 10, 2017 and approve them as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.** None
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report.** Kloeckner gave a quick report. Annual report should be finished and distributed at March meeting. She is working with City development staff and the architect for the library expansion project. They have currently raised \$840,000 raised for the library project with 2 grants totaling \$17,500.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported they have added one staff person at the EYC. There were 50 kids with 10 adults chaperoning yesterday's field trip.
  - C. **Plan Commission Report.**
    - (1). Manring made a motion to approve the application for a CSM for parcel #6-20-162 in the City's extraterritorial review area subject to any conditions recommended by the Rock County Planning Department and applicant constructs a residential home on the property, with Cole seconding. Sergeant said this is so they can add a house to the existing homestead property without taking away farmland. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
    - (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$3,399,746.73. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
    - (2). Manring made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to take from the table Resolution 2017-01, Amending the 2016 Budget. Motion approved 7-0.
    - (3). Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring, to approve Resolution 2017-01, Amending the 2016 Budget. Rigg said the only change was due to a late payment for 1<sup>st</sup> Street that was expected later in the 2017 budget year. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call.

(4). Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Manning to approve a memorandum of understanding between the City of Evansville and Evansville Professional Police Association regarding employee benefits. Rigg explained that this memorandum will forgo an unbudgeted and unexpected increase in 2017, but will be applied moving forward. Motion approved 7-0 upon roll call.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report.** Montgomery reported the PD has ordered the vehicle for the 2017 budget. Body armor has been ordered, the department will soon go before the WILEAG board and they had 838 calls for service. EMS had 39 calls in January and is replacing their MTDs.

**F. Municipal Services Report.** Ian reported the committee looked at two position descriptions. Lori from WPPI met with staff to go over software concerns. The department was added to a list of signers on a letter to Congress supporting tax exemption for bonding.

**G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Lewis reported it was a light meeting. They looked at zoning ordinances and discussed the website update.

**H. Redevelopment Authority Report.** No report.

**I. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Ladick reported the board talked with local organizers of a Canine Appreciation Day in May at the park around the upper diamond and youth baseball.

**J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** No report as they meet tomorrow.

**K. Fire District Report.** No report.

**L. Police Commission Report.** Rigg said they will be meeting soon to go over employment eligibility list for the department.

**M. Energy Independence Team Report.** They meet next Wednesday.

**N. Board of Appeals Report.** No report.

## 8. Unfinished Business.

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manning, to approve Ordinance 2017-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130: Zoning, Division 7. Community Business District (B-3) of the Municipal Code. Sergeant explained that this would provide more flexibility in this district, such as allow mixed use development. Stuart asked about some of the allowances and restriction as a result of the ordinance change. Motion approve 5-1-1 with Stuart voting “no” and Ladick abstaining.

B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve Ordinance 2017-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130: Zoning, Division 8. Regional Business District (B-4) of the Municipal Code. Sergeant said this change is similar to the one above with different standards and restrictions. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Montgomery, to take from the table Ordinance 2016-24, An Ordinance Adopting a Local Vehicle Registration Fee. Attorney Mark Kopp suggested in the future if the Council wishes to address an item in the future to not table the item but rather postpone it to the following meeting or set time. Motion passed 7-0 upon roll call.

D. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve Ordinance 2016-24, An Ordinance Adopting a Local Vehicle Registration Fee. Rigg gave a brief review about the City’s loss of revenue from the state for roads, the recent increase in communities using this funding to make up for such losses, and what the money

can be used for. Mayor Hurtley opened up the meeting to allow public comment at 7:15 pm. Members of the public expressed concerns about the fees, where the City is spending its money, how this money can be used, and can it be used for other items than roads. Rigg explained the restrictions, reporting and some of the projects it could go towards. Stuart asked if people in the township would pay, how much did 1<sup>st</sup> Street cost and could it pay for a new DPW building. Rigg said that if a person failed to mention they live in the township and gave an Evansville address, they may be charged on accident. The road portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street was approximately \$230,000 as best as he could recall and the portion of a DPW Building that was for road equipment could be paid by these fees. Hurtley said there is nothing fair about a tax or fee, but we need to make the roads better. After a lengthy discussion the Council voted by roll call. The motion failed 2-5 at 8:10 pm.

9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** Rigg spoke on receiving grant funds for items at the park. He will be gone the rest of the week at the annual Ehlers conference. Staff are finishing up the new website. Reviews are continuing.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor.**
  - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to appoint members to the West Side Park Ad hoc Committee as follows: Josh Firgens, 218 Joshua Dr, Evansville; Jill Thies, 681 Hillside Crt, Evansville; Dan Cobb, 145 1/2 Highland St, Evansville; Barb Ischi, 155 S Sixth St, Evansville; Jessica Keller, 414 S. Sixth St, Evansville, Matt Brown, 685 Hillside Crt Evansville; Jason Sergeant, 124 Highland St, Evansville; Jim Espinosa, 115 Joshua Drive, Evansville; and Jolene Klitzman, 16717 W State Rd 59, Evansville. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Montgomery abstaining.
  - B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Manring to appoint and reappoint members to the Tourism Commission as follows: Raj Patel, 715 Brown School Road, as the lodging industry representative; Sue Berg, 321 Garfield Avenue, as the Economic Development Committee member with public relations background; Alderman Gene Lewis, as Chair of the Economic Development Committee; Christina Slaback, as Executive Director of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce; Amy Eager, 113 W Main St, as a citizen member; and Kelly Czerwonka, as Meeting and Event Planner for Creekside Place. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Montgomery abstaining.
11. **New Business.** None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**
  - A. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2017-03, An Ordinance rezoning territory from R-3 to R-2.
13. **Meeting Reminders**
  - A. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
  - B. Committee of the Whole tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2017.
14. **Adjournment.** Manring made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.