

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 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 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Larry Dobbs, Dianne Duggan, Ben Ladick, James Montgomery, Joy Morrison, and Erika Stuart (arrived at 6:31 p.m.). Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, and Library Director Megan Kloeckner.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of February 12, 2019 and approve 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 reported on the construction update: the majority of the project is complete; Vogel is working on punch list items and these will be checked by FEH before final payments are submitted; and the exterior punch list items will be evaluated later this spring once the weather warms up and things have melted and thawed. Other updates included: hand out of spring program brochures; Teen Late Night is from 7-10 p.m. on Friday; and their February program had 16 teens attend.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported Quaking continues as long as there is snow; still working on getting parents engaged; and he asked all that are on Facebook to like their page and share it.

Rigg added that Becky Bartlett will be going to a conference on youth programs.
  - C. **Plan Commission Report.** No report.
  - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
    - (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$3,601,191.50. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
  - E. **Public Safety Committee Report.** Duggan reported they approved 2 operator licenses; the school district has purchased a couple of portable police radios for quicker contact; the new 2019 vehicle is in service and the 2020 will arrive in July or later; there are currently 13 EMT's; some of the fire fighters have expressed interest in becoming EMT's; and EMS are preparing for the new ambulance.

Montgomery commented that he believes the 2020 vehicle cannot be retrofitted with the old police equipment. Rigg stated the budget included funds for a full retrofit and it is not fully known yet what will swap over.

Brooks added that he is still receiving concerns about parking on Franklin Street.

#### **F. Municipal Services Report**

- (1). Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve base and supplemental bid award to Maddrell Excavating LLC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Centennial Parking Lot reconstruction, and Allen Creek Path construction project in the amount of \$1,403,570.70.

Brooks noted that this is for the base and supplemental bids, but does not include the alternate bid from Lincoln to Liberty because of the school construction.

Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

- (2). Brooks reported that Ian Rigg, Chad Renly, Joy Morrison, and himself went to Washington D.C. and attended the APPA Legislative Rally. They met with Congressman Pocan and Senators Baldwin and Johnson. They attended 2 days of seminars and information and the big issues included bond reform, 5G roll out, grid operations and Power Marketing Association.

He reported that at the Municipal Services Committee meeting they discussed the crosswalks at Main and Madison and the added pylons; Cory Neeley from WPPI and Ian are working with the school on their new construction; they discussed signage on 6<sup>th</sup> Street for Westfield Meadows and Windmill Ridge, sign size and color.

#### **G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Ladick reported they reviewed reports, discussed economic development restrictions on the west side; and Allen Creek trail.

Sergeant added that he gave an update from the Ehlers conference and the commercial code enforcement letters and second story access.

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

#### **I. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Morrison reported Ann Larson attended their meeting to talk about the creation of a dog park; Ray Anderson gave an update on plowing, playground equipment has been ordered for Countryside Park; fish cribs are being worked on; and they reviewed Chapter 6 & 7 of the Outdoor Park & Recreation Plan and they will be prioritizing items.

#### **J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** Commission did not meet.

#### **K. Fire District Report.** Dobbs reported there are currently 35 members; there was a leadership meeting in Milton; there were 22 calls in February in which 2 were mutual aid; awaiting news on a possible \$125,000 grant; Engine 612 had \$13,000 in repairs; and they are seeking a new collection agency as Anthony Kraujalis is retiring.

#### **L. Police Commission Report.** No report.

#### **M. Energy Independence Team Report.** No report.

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

8. **Unfinished Business.** None.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** Rigg reported LED panel lights have been installed on the second floor of city hall.
  - A. Rigg reported he attended the WCMA Conference in Sheboygan from February 27 through March 1<sup>st</sup>. Public engagement was of most interest and the new idea is to cast a wide net to bring in groups of people and minimize the direction of staff and elected officials and let the group develop which could lead to more people having interest in being on committees and running for office.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor.** Hurtley stated his next weeks article will include information on trash cans in the street, brush pickup, the wastewater treatment plant (reminder that no grease or wipes down the pipes), Second Street project, information that the city is working with the school on their project, and that the city is looking for an Alderperson for District #3.
  - A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the appointment of Gene Lewis at 354 Union Street, Evansville to fulfill the unexpired term of Betsy Ahner on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
  - B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to approve the appointment of Mike Scarmon at 20 Garfield Avenue, Evansville to fulfill the unexpired term of Matt Eaton on the Plan Commission. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.
11. **New Business.** Hurtley informed Council that Joy Morrison took a tour of the wastewater treatment plant and encouraged others to contact Dale Roberts for a tour.

Rigg stated there are sand and bags for residents in anticipation of the rainfall coming.
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances.** None.
13. **Meeting Reminders.**
  - A. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
  - B. A special Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
14. **Closed Session.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats. to discuss obtaining public property(properties) or payment (payments), where discussion in open session would negatively impact the city's competitive or bargaining position. Upon completion, Common Council will not reconvene in open session. Motion approved 8-0 on a roll call vote at 7:00 p.m.

There was no action taken in closed session and the meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer

*The minutes are not official until approved by the Common Council at the next regular meeting*