

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 12, 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 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Bill Hurtley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Rick Cole, Larry Dobbs, Dianne Duggan, Gene Lewis, James Montgomery and Erika Stuart (arrived at 6:58 p.m.). Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), City Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp (arrived at 6:52 p.m.), Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Kelly Gildner of The Evansville Review, Ashley McCallum of the Janesville Gazette, Tom Tristano and Kayla McHugh of Prairie Forge Group, Bill Davis, MayAnn Zelmanski, Aimee and Owen Stano, Dave Olsen, and Ben and Rebecca Ladick.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of August 8, 2017 and approve them as presented. Motion approved 6-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.**

**A. Local Vehicle Registration Fee**

(1) Hurtley opened the discussion by stating the proposed fee would cover the \$100,000 that we are short due to the reduction in state aid. Montgomery commented that he is not in favor of any new fees or taxes but in this particular instance he sees this as the only way that we can designate the money for our transportation needs while having local control over the fee. Cole commented that the state does not allow us to assess the fee to larger trucks which he feels is unfair as they mostly likely damage the roads more than smaller vehicles. Brooks spoke in opposition of the fee stating it is a regressive tax, not a fee, and he was concerned that the ordinance did not specifically state how the money can be spent. Montgomery stated that state law governs how the money can be spent. Dobbs commented that this is a user fee and he supports user fees. Duggan commented that she does not like the fee but she sees no other alternative.

(2) Mary Ann Zelmanski, 129 Walker Street, stated she is totally against this. She asked if the county could also tax for this, if aids go up in the future would the tax be repealed, and does this only apply to city residents. She was answered yes to each question.

Amy Stano, 119 Grove Street, questioned the estimated number of vehicles given to the city (6,220) and Mayor Hurtley told her the city is using an estimate of 5,000. She agreed that the lower number seemed more reasonable. She was concerned that the fee would increase. She added that Evansville is a good city but she is concerned that we don't bring in large businesses.

Bill Davis, 401 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, stated he rides his bike on every road and knows that the main roads are not too bad but the others are and we need to fix them. He doesn't care for the wheel tax but knows we have to pay for this somehow. He added that if this is adopted and as people go through the registration process we should be sure they are registered to vote.

- (3) Dobbs made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Ordinance 2017-11, An Ordinance Adopting a Local vehicle Registration Fee. Motion approved 5-1 on a roll call vote with Brooks opposing.

## 7. Reports of Committees

**A. Library Board Report.** Kloeckner reported on the Fall Programs - WI Science Festival Family Moon Walk at the Evansville Nature Center, Fall Family & Friends Festival, and Teen After Hours. The report for the Summer Library Club – 17 programs for teens – total attendance of 147, 8.9%, which is an increase from last year; drop-in programs for kids increased 115% from last year and the K-5 and Family Night programs increased 64.7%; 40 teens read 1700 hours and 27 teens participated last year; 29 adults read 240 books, 25 read 227 books last year.

### **B. Parks and Recreation Board Report.**

- (1) Tom Tristano, President of the Prairie Forge Group presented his Existing Conditions Report & Pool Study. He gave a detailed history of the park beginning with the land purchase in 1922 and said Lake Leota Park is considered the “Jewel” of parks. He reported on the current condition of the pool, bathhouse, and park store, noting that the park store is a historic monument. He presented information on current trends used by newer facilities and presented 3 pool design schemes with costs ranging from \$3.9 – 5.7 million dollars.

Sergeant added that material was submitted to the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office and after receiving their reply he spoke with them about their comments and the consensus was that Scheme I with a removed or modified canopy addition would be the recommended design.

Brooks asked what the cost would be to put a roof on the facility so it could be used year round and Tristano stated that there are many changes that would need to be made to enclose it and questioned if the city would want that at this location.

Brooks asked if there were any projections on the increase in revenue due to a new facility and Rigg answered that we could raise fees somewhat but if we decided on a two building scheme we would have to hire more people.

### **C. Plan Commission Report**

- (1) Stuart made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve a preliminary and final Certified Survey Map to divide parcel 6-20-311 (6215 County M) in Evansville's extraterritorial jurisdiction area into two parcels finding that the certified survey map is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances. Motion approved 7-0.
- (2) Stuart made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve a preliminary Certified Survey Map to divide parcel 6-27-585.001 (405 Water Street) into two parcels finding that the certified survey map is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances with the following condition: *Final Land Division Application is submitted and approved.* Motion approved 7-0.

- (3) Stuart made a motion seconded by Cole to approve an amendment to the Final Land Divider's Agreement for Capstone Ridge. Sergeant gave a detailed overview of the agreement. Motion approved 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 \$1,109,086.78. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- (2) Cole made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to approve a developer agreement between the City of Evansville and Grove Partners LLC. Rigg distributed a slightly revised agreement which included technical changes from Attorney Mark Kopp and Greg Johnson (Ehlers) and also a site plan. Sergeant noted that the plan has not yet been submitted to the Plan Commission.

Dave Olsen stated Phase I would be started within 30 - 60 days and they hope to have it completed by spring. Phase II would start after Phase I is filled up.

Motion approved 7-0.

- (3) Cole made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to adopt revised Financial Policy – Investments. Rigg distributed the proposed policy. The biggest change would be to give the Finance Director the ability to invest municipal funds prior to committee approval. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- (4) Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Cole to adopt revised Financial Policy – Debt Management. Rigg distributed the revised proposed policy which included changes proposed by Greg Johnson (Ehlers). Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- (5) Cole made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Municipal Advisor Engagement Letter with Prospera Financial Services. Brooks questioned the amount of their fees and Rigg was going to look into those. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to postpone action until the next regular meeting
- (6) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to approve Resolution 2017-22, Authorizing Signing Powers with UB&T for City of Evansville. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- (7) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Montgomery to approve Resolution 2017-23, Authorizing Signing Powers with UB&T for Eager Free Public Library. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report.** Montgomery reported EMS is just finishing their renovations, there are 13 EMT's, and there are concerns about the second ambulance and its age.

**F. Municipal Services Report.** Brooks reported they looked at the capital operating budget, sewer rates and sewer impact fees, and talked about the ongoing problems with the water meters.

**G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Lewis reported they discussed our partnership with the Chamber and the available property database; discussed their budget; discussed property information sheet for 155 E Main; and they discussed an article on Foxconn coming to Wisconsin.

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

**I. Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported the kids are back in school; there were 37 kids at the center the other night; and they are planning for the next field

trip. Rigg encouraged everyone to volunteer one evening to see the amount of activity that takes place.

**J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** Lewis reported they had an application for 15 E Main Street to reconstruct the exterior wall; they discussed the aquatics center; and they discussed the lot at 19 E Main Street.

**K. Fire District Report.** Montgomery reported they are working on the budget; still looking for a consultant for the consolidation; and he commended Kurt Bartlett from Magnolia Township for all his work on the budget.

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

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

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

**8. Unfinished Business**

**A.** Brooks presented the second reading and made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to approve Ordinance 2017-10, Amending Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code, Parking Restrictions for Unregistered Vehicles. Motion approved 7-0.

**9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** Rigg reported there will be an additional item on the September 20<sup>th</sup> budget meeting agenda; he continues to work on the budget; and he added that the hotel for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference is full but other hotels are available within a couple of miles.

**10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**

**A.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to Approve Resolution 2017-24, Commending Ben Ladick for his years of service to the City of Evansville. Brooks read the resolution aloud. Motion approved 7-0.

**B.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to appoint Ben Ladick to the Economic Development Committee to fulfill the unfinished term of Derrick Allen. Motion approved 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances.** None

**13. Meeting Reminders**

**A.** Budget Presentation meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2017 6:00 p.m., City Hall

**B.** Regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:30 p.m., City Hall

**14. Adjournment.** Cole made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.

Judy Walton, City Clerk-Treasurer