

**Common Council
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 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, Larry Dobbs, Dianne Duggan, Joy Morrison, and Erika Stuart. Alderpersons Gene Lewis and James Montgomery were absent. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, City Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walton, City Attorney Mark Kopp, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, Municipal Judge Tom Alisankus, Court Clerk Elizabeth Cyrus, Mark Steiner, and 2 spectators.
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 January 9th, January 24th and February 8th, 2018 and approve them as presented. Duggan asked that the spelling of her first name be corrected. Motion, with corrections, approved 6-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at Council meetings.
6. **Citizen appearances.**
 - A. Municipal Judge Tom Alisankus stated that for the first time in 19 years he was pleased to introduce the new Court Clerk Elizabeth Cyrus. He provided a brief background of Elizabeth, stating she was eminently qualified. He administered the oath of office to Court Clerk Cyrus.
7. **Reports of Committees**
 - A. **Library Board Report.** Kloeckner distributed the spring 2018 program brochures. She reported there were 351 programs offered in 2017, they had 6,828 total attendance, which is a 24% increase in total attendance from 2016. They are currently in the process of clearing out their program room as it will become the contractor's office during construction and they are set to move in the week of March 19th. Abatement will begin the week of April 2nd at the post office. They have reached their fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 with a couple donations are still pending.
 - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** Brooks reported they took their second field trip yesterday. They had decided not to do Quacking due to the lack of snow, but will now since the recent snowfall.

Stuart added that the field trip was to the Break Away Sports Center in Madison.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report.**
 - (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the final Certified Survey Map to divide parcel 6-27-959.3 (Tax ID 2220730015) located at 720 Brown School Road, into two parcels finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city

ordinances with the condition that the applicant files the final CSM with Rock County Register of Deeds.

Sergeant stated this is a very straight forward land division, currently Evansville Oil Pro's. This has been recommended by Municipal Services and Plan Commission. Motion approved 6-0.

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 \$3,154,046.63. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- (2). Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution 2018-01, Amending the 2017 Budget. Rigg explained the reasons for the amendment. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.

E. Public Safety Committee Report. Duggan reported the painting is almost done at the Police Department; they have the new cabinet up with memorabilia and awards displayed; there has been an increase in calls and training is ongoing. They discussed a proposed country festival, possible upcoming ordinance change, and approved 3 operator licenses.

F. Municipal Services Report. Brooks reported they discussed a new facility that would combine Water & Light and Public Works; they looked at proposals to deal with the water pressure issue on the northwest side; and the DNR has changed their rules on salt application amounts so we need to figure out an alternative supplier starting in 2019 because Janesville won't be supplying it.

Rigg added they are working on resolving a sewer issue for a resident.

G. Economic Development Committee Report. Sergeant reported the community profile sheets are at the printers.

H. Redevelopment Authority Report. No report.

I. Parks and Recreation Board Report. Morrison reported trees have been donated by Gene Prudhon for Westside Park; they had a presentation of the 2018 Master Park Plan which they will begin reviewing; Rod Courtier is resigning from the Park Board; and they discussed the proposed country festival.

J. Historic Preservation Commission Report. Sergeant reported they reviewed an application for 43 N 2nd Street for a new foundation and voted to table the matter.

K. Fire District Report. Dobbs reported they discussed having a workshop on the Fire and EMS merger.

L. Police Commission Report. No report.

M. Energy Independence Team Report. Sergeant reported they had a long meeting with the current district administrator from the school in attendance and Cory Neeley from WPPI presented some grant information.

N. Board of Appeals Report. No report.

8. Unfinished Business. None

9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator

A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to approve contract with US Cellular for City phone service. Rigg stated this is a boiler plate contract and the bottom line is this will save us some money. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. Rigg reported that the new Municipal Services Director is settling in and he is currently posted at the DPW building; he will begin review of DPW Foreman position soon; reviews have started; he is preparing for his trip to Washington D.C. with Alderperson Brooks; the city's intern is working on the park study and will start on the ash tree RFP; and the Ehlers conference was a good learning experience.

10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor

- A. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to approve the appointment of Matthew Pook, 470 Church Street, to the remaining term of Dan Brice on the Park Board. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution 2018-02, a Resolution Stating Opposition to Wisconsin Assembly Bill 361 and Limited Funding for Local Roads. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. Hurtley stated the road plowing has been very decent. He read aloud a letter from Dwayne and Judy Cushman commending the utility staff that responded to a power outage on Christmas morning during bad weather.

11. New Business. None.

12. Introduction of New Ordinances

- A. Brooks presented the first reading of Ordinance 2018 – 01, Amending Chapter 6, Alcohol Beverages: Social Host Ordinance.

13. Meeting Reminders

- A. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:30 p.m., City Hall

14. Adjournment. Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion approved 6-0.

Judy Walton, City Clerk/Treasurer