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Evansville Common Council; January 2007

Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Mayor Decker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were: Mayor Decker and Alderpersons Wyse, Roberts, Hammann, Cothard, Sornson, Juergens, Braunschweig, and Wessels. Staff present: Dan Wietecha, City Administrator; Mark Kopp City Attorney; Scott George, Water Light Superintendent; Art Philips, Police Lieutenant; Kathy Buttchen, Assistant EMS Coordinator; David Wartenweiler, Public Works Superintendent; and Jim Beilke, Clerk/Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve and to amend the agenda by deleting the words “other than agenda items listed” for agenda item 5, Citizens Appearances, and by moving agenda item 6D(4), Senior Center, to follow agenda item 4, Approval of Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to waive the reading of the minutes of December 12, 2006, regular meeting and approve them as printed. Motion carried.
Primetimers/Senior Nutritional Center and Senior Transportation Program

Diane Skinner and Evelyn Cantrell distributed their financial report and reviewed it with the Council.

Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report (as amended)

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve agreement for Coordination of Senior Services. Mayor Decker reported the Primetimers Board asked to change the transportation service hours to 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Motion by Braunschweig, seconded by Roberts, to change the transportation service hours to 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Motion carried.

The original motion, as amended, carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Citizen appearances

Melanie White, 39 W. Church Street, appeared and spoke in favor of Ordinance #2006-44. She understands the neighborhood concerns and is willing to compromise.

Alan and Mary Pitas, 120 W. Church Street; Richard and Anna Fanning, 122 S. First Street; and Betsy Ahner, 20 S. First Street, appeared and spoke against Ordinance #2006-44. They are not adverse to the dental office and a business sign. Their concerns were if the home is rezoned B-1, another type of business could move into this building, which could negatively affect the value of their homes.

Prior to this meeting, Michelle Frey, 123 S. First Street, and Doug Tessman, 129 W. Church Street, emailed messages to the city clerk regarding their concerns against Ordinance #2006-44. The emails were distributed to Council.

Evansville Community Partnership Report

Doug Zweizig, 6057 N Finn Road, reported the Chili Cook-off will held on March 3rd and the Energy Fair will be held on April 27th.

SOLE Committee

Gilbert Wiedenhoef, 256 W. Main Street, reported they are working on their website (lakeleota.org).

Plan Commission Report

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve the one-lot division as shown on the preliminary CSM, provided the conditions imposed by the Plan Commission are met prior to recording the final CSM with Rock County (Application #2006-40; Landmark Services Cooperative, Applicant). The Council noted that Plan Commission added a sixth stipulation to the staff report that easements are to be recorded in the final CSM. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Braunschweig, to adopt Ordinance #2006-42, amending Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code by allowing motor vehicle storage yards in certain zoning districts as amended by the Plan Commission. With the current code, there are no allowances for vehicle storage. This ordinance rectifies that oversight. The Council discussed how this ordinance would affect existing businesses. Most businesses that store vehicles for repair will not be affected by this ordinance. There are only a couple of businesses that temporarily store vehicles before they are moved elsewhere. This ordinance would require those few businesses to make changes. Motion carried on a voice vote (7-1).

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Braunschweig, to adopt Ordinance #2006-43, requiring the payment of real estate taxes before a certified survey map may be recorded by the Rock County Register of Deeds. Motion carried. Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to adopt Ordinance #2006-44, rezoning territory (39 Church Street)
from Residential District One (R-1) to Local Business (B-1) District in response to Development Application #2006-36. The Council discussed what they heard from the business owner and residents tonight. They also discussed the procedures for this rezoning and why the city was the applicant. The consensus was the business owner and residents could find a compromise without rezoning the property. Motion failed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Decker led the discussion on directing committee chairs to review their respective sections of the comprehensive plan specifically Chapter 12, Implementation.

Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve Water and Light bills and authorize their payments of $588,314.16. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve the City bills and authorize their payments of $314,476.93. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve agreement with YMCA of Northern Rock County for operation of youth program. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to adopt Resolution #2007-1, establishing an interest rate for any interfund loan from the city’s General Fund to Fund 26 for TID No. 6. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve the write off of uncollectible EMS bills in the amount of $20,480.76 from 2000 through May 2006. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public Safety Committee Report - None

Public Works Committee Report

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Cothard, to adopt Resolution #2006-52, designate city clerk as the representative to file the Recycling Grants to Responsible Units and Recycling Efficiency Incentive grant applications. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Cothard, to adopt Resolution #2007-2, renaming that part of Exchange Street that lies in Block 12 of the original plat of the City of Evansville and part of Evans and Spencer Addition,
City of Evansville and part of Assessor’s Plat Sheet 2, City of Evansville to South Union Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to adopt Ordinance #2006-45, amending stop sign location. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to approve the contract from Joe Daniels Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of $155,546 for City Hall Second Floor Office Alterations. Council reviewed the bid analysis (attachment) from the city engineer discussing the six received bids ranging from $155,546 to $198,829. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ald. Hammann reported the final design for the Main Street Project is done and is available for review at City Hall. This project is scheduled to start this spring.

Water & Light Committee - None

Economic Development Committee Report - None

Evansville Redevelopment Authority Report - None

Parks and Recreation Board Report - None

Historic Preservation Commission Report

Ald. Wessels reported the Commission will return the extra $500 from their 2006 budget to the city.

Fire District Report - None

Unfinished Business - None

Communications and Recommendations from the Mayor

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Roberts, to waive the seven-day notice requirement on mayoral appointments. Motion carried.

Motion Roberts, seconded by Juergens, to approve the mayoral appointment of Mason Braunschweig, 590 W. Main St., to the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND)/Residential Design Committee. Motion carried.

Motion Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve the mayoral appointment of Thayne Anderson, 464 Meadow Lane, as an alternate to Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring in 2010. Motion carried.

Motion Hammann, seconded by Juergens, to approve the mayoral designation of Susan Finque as first alternate and Thayne Anderson as second alternate to the Board of Appeals for 2007. Mayor Decker reported the code requires the mayor to appoint the first and second alternates every year. Motion carried.

New Business

The Council reviewed Charter Communication’s new rates and discussed how they could control these rates. The conclusion was Council has little to no control over Charter’s rates. The city could encourage other businesses to come into Evansville and promote competition in the rates.

Introduction of New Ordinances - None

Adjournment

Motion by Braunschweig, seconded by Wessels, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Motion carried.
Prepared by:

James Beilke

City Clerk/Treasurer

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**Wed Nov 07 16:59:00 CST 2007**
Evansville Common Council---February 2007

Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Mayor Decker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were: Mayor Decker and Alderpersons Wyse, Roberts, Hammann, Cothard, Sornson, Juergens, Braunschweig, and Wessels. Staff present: Dan Witecha, City Administrator; Mark Kopp, City Attorney; Thomas Alisankus, Municipal Judge; Scott George, Water Light Superintendent; Mary Beaver, EMS Coordinator; David Wartenweiler, Public Works Superintendent; and Jim Beilke, Clerk/Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Wessels, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to waive the reading of the minutes of January 9, 2007, regular meeting and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Citizen appearances - None

Public Hearings

Dave Sauer from Foth Engineering gave a report on the 2007 Assessment for CTH M Improvements.

Mayor Decker opened the public hearing at 6:47 PM. Mayor Decker read a letter from D&D Developments (attachment) requesting an amendment to the resolution to state all assessments will be paid through the Tax Incremental Districts 6 and 7. Randy Kyle from Landmark inquired about the City’s intent to pay for assessments using TID funding through developer agreements. Mayor Decker closed the public hearing at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Braunschweig, to adopt Resolution #2007-4, Final Resolution authorizing
installation of sanitary sewer main, water main, and street improvements and levying special assessments against benefited property per Wis. Stats. 66.0703 and 66.0715. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Wietecha gave a report on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation. The grants relate to the Eager Building and biodiesel projects. The Federal Grants require public input, so that they know these projects are appropriate for our community.

Mayor Decker opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM. Ron Van Straten from Foth Infrastructure & Environment reviewed the Citizen Participation Certification checklist with Council. Mayor Decker closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Evansville Community Partnership Report

Doug Zweizig, 6057 N Finn Road, reported the Chili Cook-off will held on March 3rd; the Energy Fair will be held on April 27th; and the 4th of July Celebration will run from Tuesday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 8th. He also reported ECP will be the fiscal agent for the Evansville Community/Senior Center, Inc.

SOLE Committee

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Sornson, to approve Resolution #2007-5, authorizing application for Federal Earmarked Funding for Restoration of Lake Leota. Motion carried.

Plan Commission Report - None

Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve Water and Light bills and authorize their payments of $595,805.11. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to approve the City bills and authorize their payments of $1,790,512.14. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Roberts, to adopt Resolution #2007-3, Designating Authorized Parties to Sign for Transactions Involving City Bank Accounts and Investments. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Sornson, to approve EMS Write-off of $10,325.52 of bad debts and $1,695.65 of hardship. Council questioned the new billing service recommendation to clean up the books so delinquent
accounts several years old would not show as an asset. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Ald. Cothard, Sornson, Roberts, Braunschweig, Hammann, Juergens, and Wyse voted in favor. Ald. Wessels voted against.

Public Safety Committee Report
Mr. Wietecha led the discussion regarding Neighborhood Electric Vehicles. The vehicles would help Water and Light and Public Works departments do their jobs better. Staff will draft an ordinance.

Public Works Committee Report
Ald. Hammann reported Public Works will hold their February 28th meeting at the shop because of the renovation of City Hall. He also reported they will hold a meeting on March 6th to review bids for the Main Street Project.

The Council recessed at 7:56 PM and reconvened at 8:04 PM.

Water & Light Committee - None

Economic Development Committee Report
Motion by Wyse, seconded by Roberts, to approve Resolution #2007-6, Authorizing Application for a Matching Grant to Finance a Trade Market Analysis for Economic Development. Motion carried.

Motion by Wyse, seconded by Sornson, to approve Resolution #2007-7, Authorizing Application for CDBG Grant for infrastructure on County Rd. M to service North Prairie Productions. Motion carried.

Evansville Redevelopment Authority Report
Motion by Hammann, seconded by Sornson, to approve Eager Building Renovation Developers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Cothard, to approve Resolution #2007-8, Administrator Services for CDBG for the Eager Building Renovation. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Parks and Recreation Board Report
Ald. Juergens reported the Board completed the final draft of the Five-year Park Plan and it meets the Department of Natural Resources standards. The Park Plan will go to Plan Commission for a public hearing and on to Council in March for their approval.

Historic Preservation Commission Report - None

Fire District Report - None

Unfinished Business - None

Communications and Recommendations from the Mayor
Motion by Cothard, seconded by Juergens, to waive the seven-day notice requirement on mayoral appointments. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to approve the mayoral appointment of Chad Rasmussen, 576 Garfield Avenue, as a High School Poll Worker for the February 20, 2007 Spring Primary Election. Motion carried.

Communications from the City Administrator

Motion by Juergens, seconded by Roberts, to approve Quarles and Brady's review of North Prairie Developer's Agreement. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Wietecha led the discussion regarding Ordinance #2006-42, Amending Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code by allowing motor vehicle storage yards in certain zoning districts provided certain conditions are met. The issue was an existing impound yard is adjacent to land that's not easily accessible to the public. The owner asked if a fence is required around the perimeter where the adjacent land is not easily accessible to the public. The Council advised the owner to take his issue to the Plan Commission.

New Business - None

Introduction of New Ordinances


Closed Session

The Council did not go into closed session because the trial for Deicher and Mezera v. City of Evansville was completed, and Mr. Kopp gave a brief update on the outcome.

Adjournment

Motion by Cothard, seconded by Braunschweig, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Motion carried.

Prepared by:

James Beilke

City Clerk/Treasurer

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Evansville Common Council---March 2007

Common Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Council President Cotbard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were: Alderpersons Wyse, Roberts, Hammann, Cotbard, Sornson, Juergens, Braunschweig, and Wessels. Mayor Decker was excused. Staff present: Dan Wietecha, City Administrator; Mark Kopp, City Attorney; Scott George, Water Light Superintendent; Kathy Buttzchen, Assistant EMS Coordinator; Scott McElroy, Police Chief; David Wartenweiler, Public Works Superintendent; and Jim Beilke, Clerk/Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Braunschweig, seconded by Juergens, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Sornson, to waive the reading of the minutes of February 13, 2007, regular meeting and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Citizen appearances - None

Evansville Community Partnership Report

A written report (Attached) from Heidi Carvin was distributed to the Council

SOLE Committee - None

Plan Commission Report

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Braunschweig, to adopt Ordinance #2007-1, amending Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code by allowing signs for nonconforming commercial land uses in residential zoning districts. Motion passed.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Roberts, to adopt Resolution #2007-9, Adopting the City of Evansville Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan 2007-2011. Motion passed.

Motion by Hammann, seconded by Juergens, to adopt Resolution #2007-10, Designating Locations for Placement of Sandwich Board Signs during 2007 Main Street Construction Projects. They identified the locations as follows: (1) Main Street between Second Street and Union Street, (2) Madison Street between Water Street and US Highway 14, and (3) Union Street between Franklin Street and the northern city limits. Motion passed.

Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report