

**December 12, 2016**

The City Council met in the Council Room on December 12, 2016 with the following members present: Richard Novotny, Mayor Terry Aasness, Darek Buse, Monica Olson & Bobbie Batesole and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Dave Bedore, Ardell Hendrickson, Lyle Olson, Dave Schuman, Chuck Steffenson, Susan Lee-Johnson, Jamie Englund, Willy Westrom, Curt & Mavis Haagenson, Hayden Haagenson, Bobbie Jo Drum, Jerry Buse and Diana K. Olson

All present stood to say the pledge of allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Aasness.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the December 12<sup>th</sup> agenda with the rearrangement of COLA/Employee Wages to 22A.

The Council meeting was paused for the TNT hearing on the City's General Budget. There were questions on why some had a 38% increase in their taxes. Some of the change had to do with the sales of properties in town and the increase in the levy for the City.

The Council meeting was resumed at 7:42 PM

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the November minutes with editing the wording on the November minutes to state that Terry expressed concern about the possibility of asbestos at the Husted property.

Council Member Bobbie Batesole introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 16-007  
Approving 2016 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, by the council of the City of Evansville, County of Douglas, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2017, upon taxable property in the City of Evansville for the following purposes:

General Fund—	\$ 176,343
Fire Fund—	\$ 17,202
2016 Bond TIF Levy—	\$ 25,416
2010 Bond Phase 2—	\$ 23,088
Evansville Care Center Abatement—	\$ 4,000
Total Levy—	\$ 246,049

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County auditor of Douglas County, Minnesota.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Richard Novotny and upon vote being taken the following voted in favor thereof: Monica Olson, Bobbie Batesole, Terry Aasness, Richard Novonty & Darek Buse

And the following voted against the same: NONE

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The Fire hall committee has not met since they met with Bob and Matt.  
The Fire Department received a grant from Bremer Bank for a Lucas devise.  
Council would like the tobacco ordinance on the February agenda.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to purchase a new computer for the office in an amount up to \$1,500.

Coffee/Cookie day at the hall will be December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the LG220 from the Evansville Sportsmen's Club and waive the 30-day waiting period and 10% to the City to have a raffle at the Railroad & 2<sup>nd</sup> Event Center on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Novotny and carried to approve a structure permit from Tim Fenlason to move a shed on his lot as long as he abides by the setbacks. It is parcel 72-0255-000.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the list of donations for 2016.

Evansville Historical Foundation	\$2,000.00
Roger Holtberg	\$ 250.00
Gene Hanson	\$ 500.00
Evansville Firemen's Relief	\$4,950.00
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A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the TIF and Abatement payments once they are calculated by Shelly.

A motion was made by Aasness, seconded by Buse and carried to transfer \$23,088 from general, \$10,222.94 from water, \$10,222.94 from sewer, \$10,222.94 from general to the 2010 Bond Debt Service.

A motion was made by Aasness, seconded by Buse and carried to transfer \$10,800 from TIF 1-2, \$18,587.02 from water, \$18,587.02 from sewer, \$18,587.02 from general to the 2003 Bond Debt Service.

A motion was made by Aasness, seconded by Novonty and carried to transfer \$21,921.23 from sewer, \$21,921.23 from water, \$21,921.22 from general to the 2005 Bond Debt Service.

A motion was made from Aasness, seconded by Olson and carried to transfer \$117,385.67 from 2011 Capital Projects to the general fund.

Jerry talked to the County about the intersection of County Road 5 & N Gran Street and they would put up signs but it is up to the City what we want. The Council would like a yield on County Road 5.

Jerry got 2 quotes about removing a tree that has fallen on another tree in the road right away on Lake Street.

Jerry was wondering if the Council can do anything about all the vehicles and items in the roads. It makes it very difficult to plow curb to curb without hitting something.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the December bills and authorize payment. (List Attached)

The meeting was paused at 9:22 PM for employee reviews

The meeting was resumed at 12:44 AM.

Reviews were good with productive conversations and ideas to move forward for employees and council.

A motion was made by Novonty and failed for 2<sup>nd</sup> to give employees a \$0.05% increase. Motion died for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Batesole and carried to give employees a 1% COLA effective January 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Novonty and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 AM.

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Diana K. Olson