

REGULAR SESSION

June 9, 2021

The City Council of Essex met June 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, Essex City Hall. Mayor Durfey called the meeting to order and roll call was taken showing the following members of the Council present or absent. Present: Correll, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Absent: Franks. City Clerk Ohnmacht, City Employee Mark Marriott and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

The Agenda was approved, motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Members of the public present: Mike Wells, Cassie Lundgren, Rod Riley, Becki Franks, Cole & Heather Thornton, Gary Bowman, Kim Tudor, Liz Skillern, Dennis Gresham, Lori Johnson, Brian Johnson, and Donna Franks.

Public Comments: Rod Riley presented the Council with a rough draft of a fire department application and agreement.

Public Hearing: USDA Rural Development for Financial Assistance for water system repairs and rehabilitation was opened by Mayor Durfey.

No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Second Reading: Resolution 2021 – 14: Chapter 106.07 1 E Dumpster Rental. Motion to approve by Gay, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Motion to waive the third reading by Wenstrand, second by Gay. Ayes: Correll, Gay, Wenstrand. Nays: Kinney.

Motion to adopt as ordinance Resolution 2021 – 14: Chapter 106.07 1 E Dumpster Rental by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Second Reading: Resolution 2021 – 15: Chapter 136.03 Snow Removal. Motion to approve by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Motion to waive the third reading by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Correll, Gay, Wenstrand. Nays: Kinney.

Motion to adopt as ordinance Resolution 2021 – 15: Chapter 136.03 Snow Removal. Motion to approve by Kinney, second by Gay. Ayes: all.

Acceptance of monthly police report: May 9, 2021 – June 5, 2021. Motion by Correll, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of delinquent utilities report. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Brian Lawson of UECO reported on the pilot water meter project. Due to technical issues we cannot participate but he is working on the IT issue to resolve.

Blake Birkel and John Krager presented the JEO Engineering Agreement for the Sanitary Sewer Project. Sorensen will look over the contract agreement and it will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

Thrasher is here doing the stabilizing work on the Opera House.

Dr. Wells presented the Council with painting plans for the Anderson Park bandstand. The school would like to do the entire project of sanding, repairing and painting. Gay motioned to approve this. Kinney seconded. Ayes: All.

Approval of Josie Soverns resignation from the Library. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Approval of David Alexander fire department resignation. Motion by Correll, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Approval of Fire Department opening a 6 month certificate of deposit at Tri Valley Bank in the amount of \$16,000 from the Fire Department budget to be earmarked for air packs. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 22: Transfer of Funds Garbage Truck Payment. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

The Essex Community Club presented requests for street closings and fireworks during the annual Labor Day celebration Friday, September 3, 2021 through Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Approval of all street closures except for Iowa Avenue to be clarified at the July 14, 2021 meeting. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of Garrison's Tavern and Grill New Class C Liquor License: Privileges – Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales pending dram shop review. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Sound permit in accordance with the noise ordinance was presented.

Marriott presented a bid from JW Excavation for \$13,540 to install a storm sewer on the north side of Prairie Avenue between Central and Denison Streets. No other contractors chose to bid. Motion to accept the bid by Wenstrand, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of 904 Nebraska Avenue demolition reserve release. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Approval of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads renewal. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval to amend Essex Community Club allotment to \$5,000 this year to support the Sesquicentennial book. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval for Cody French to clean up property at 607 Motley Street for bid of \$2,000 to be done by the end of June. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Approval of 28E Agreement with Essex Community School District to share a maintenance person. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Ordinance review of golf carts tabled until July.

Reviewed animal neglect ordinance. It will be on the July agenda to revise. Will also work on wording of 12 pages of ordinances with the wording of reasonable in July.

Gay updated the Council on the Comprehensive Plan.

Time capsule was discussed.

Approval of work orders. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of resignation of Calvin Kinney from the Council effective December 31, 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Correll, Gay, Wenstrand. Kinney abstained.

Public comments on agenda items: Becki Franks asked about Zoom. Dennis Gresham asked about Kinney's resignation.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: May 12, 2021; Treasurer's Report May 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims May 12, 2021 – June 9, 2021. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Complaints were discussed. Property on Illinois needs watched. Has currently been mowed. Gary Bowman's complaint concerning 604 Iowa Avenue was discussed. The Mayor will contact the police chief. The property at 710 Iowa was discussed Sorensen will send a letter extending 60 days to clean up. There will not be another extension granted. Sorensen also updated the Council on the Murphy case.

Gay reported a meeting with city employees Marriott and Morehouse concerning Anderson Park.

Adjournment at 8:32 PM. Motion by Correll, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht

SPECIAL SESSION

June 23, 2021

The City Council of Essex met in special session in the Council Chambers, Essex City Hall at 6:00 PM with Mayor Durfey presiding. Council members present: Correll, Franks, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present.

The Agenda was approved. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intent to File an application CDBG Sewer Improvement Grant was opened by Mayor Durfey.

No written or oral comments or objections were received. General information about the project was provided by Danielle Briggs of SWIPCo to those present. The public hearing was closed.

Approval JEO Engineering Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 23: Transfer of Funds Emergency to General. Motion by Franks, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Approval of Garrison Bar & Grill Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit Application. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Fiscal year end was discussed. Clerk Ohnmacht was directed to pay claims.

Adjournment at 6:17 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

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