

REGULAR SESSION

July 14, 2021

The City Council of Essex met July 14, 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, Franks, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Absent: None. City Clerk Ohnmacht, City Employees Mark Marriott and Kelly Morehouse and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

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

Members of the public present: Becki Franks and Dennis Gresham.

Public comments: None.

Public Hearing: 19-HSG-007 Community Development Grant Project. Matthew Lee from SWIPCo gave a status of funded activity. There were no written or oral comments received. The Public Hearing was closed.

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

Acceptance of monthly police report: June 6, 2021 – July 10, 2021. Motion by Correll, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Kinney updated the Council on the Opera House.

The Council reviewed a summary of clean-up day.

The Library Board has not submitted minutes with documentation for board changes to be put on the ballot.

Council reviewed application and agreement presented at last meeting. After discussion, suggested Mayor attend next fire department meeting and then discuss at August meeting.

Approval of fire department application of Dawson Otte. Motion by Franks, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

The water tank at the cemetery was discussed. It has not been used in several years. Franks will do some research to look into selling it.

The six-foot finish mower was discussed. It is no longer used. A description will be written and notices put out for bids to sell it.

Landscaping at City Hall was discussed. Plan is to get rock in before Labor Day. Planting will be done later this fall.

The North Street area west of Highway 48 will be discussed at the August meeting. The Mayor will meet with Page County Engineer before next meeting.

Requests for proposals were sent out for audit. One company chose not to apply. Approval to accept RFP of Broeckelman and Associates to do audit for 2020 and 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Ordinances were discussed. No ATV permits will be given out for Labor Day. Council will discuss ATVs at August meeting. Animal neglect will be adding seizure of neglected animals to current ordinance and will be on August agenda. Sorensen will review the list of reasonable and give an opinion in August.

Gay updated the Council on the Comprehensive Plan. It is almost complete. Will be having focus group supper soon and all Council is encouraged to attend. SWIPCo will have a table at the market on Labor Day to promote it.

Time capsule was discussed.

Work orders approved. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Dennis Gresham asked if there was a breed ban. Becki Franks reported State Fire Marshall could possibly help with capacity at Opera House.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: June 9, 2021, June 23, 2021; Treasurer's Report June 30, 2021; Abstract of Claims: June 10, 2021 – July 14, 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Nuisance properties discussed. Waiting on the gas line to be capped at 607 Motley and then structure will be removed. 302 Central and 303 Brooks were discussed. The Mayor and Gay will be compiling a list for Sorensen.

Jessica Bass from the USDA spoke (via phone) to the Council about the upcoming sewer and water projects.

Adjournment at 8:41 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht