

## **REGULAR SESSION**

August 11, 2021

The City Council of Essex met August 11, 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 Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Members of the public present: Tim Johnson, Dennis Gresham, Heidi Hertensen.

Public comments: Tim Johnson of Build Essex spoke to the council about a lot on Omaha Avenue.

Acceptance of monthly police report: July 11, 2021 – August 7, 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Council reviewed the JEO Project Progress Report for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation.

Approval to seek funding for engineer costs through the State Revolving Fund for planning and design. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All. The Mayor will approach local lenders to seek interim funding for the project.

Approval DA Davison as municipal advisor. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of CIT Basin 2 proposal. Motion by Correll, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of Allied Systems auto dialer proposal. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of resignation of Marv Honeyman from Opera House Committee. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Mayor will meet with fire chief and discuss the proposed application and agreement.

Approval of memorial bench donation in memory of Bob and Betty Naico for Anderson Park. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of tree donation to Anderson Park by Debby Anderson Lewis. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of The Donut Stop Special Class C Liquor 14 Day License pending dram shop review. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of UTV/ATV use permits over Labor Day weekend from 6:00 AM Saturday, September 4, 2021 to 10:00 PM Monday, September 6, 2021. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Franks, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Nays: Correll.

Approval Resolution No. 2021 – 24: Animal Protection and Control. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All. Public hearing will be in September.

Tabled ordinances using “reasonable” until September.

Approval Resolution No. 2021 – 25: Designating Official Newspaper. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Council directed City Clerk to contact DNR for a tree survey.

Approval of Outstanding Obligations Disclosure Statement 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of Essex Community Club Labor Day requests of street use and closures. Motion by Gay, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Approval of purchase of 2012 Polaris for \$6,000. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

City will be accepting sealed bids for finish mower. To be opened at the September 8, 2021 meeting.

North Street was discussed with no action taken.

The Council was reminded of the meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

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

Public comments on agenda items: none.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: July 14, 2021, Revised June 9, 2021; Treasurer’s Report July 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims July 15, 2021 – August 11, 2021. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

The Council asked for Sorensen to research obtaining the rights to the Essex Independent name.

The Council will have a special meeting Wednesday, September 22, 2021 to concentrate on the sewer and water projects.

City Clerk asked if the Council was ready to go live with the website. Ohnmacht was instructed to get it up and going.

Storm water will be on the September agenda.

Adjournment at 8:47 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht