

## **REGULAR SESSION**

September 8, 2021

The City Council of Essex met September 8, 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 Employee Mark Marriott and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

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

Members of the public present: Dennis Gresham, Page County Engineer JD King, Lisa Nelson and Janine Johnson.

Public comments: Lisa Nelson had questions about complaints she had filed.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2021 – 24: Animal Protection and Control. There were no written or oral comments received. Public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve the first reading by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: August 8, 2021 – September 4, 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Marriott updated the council on storm sewer issues. Council will look at storm sewer costs at budget time.

Approval of water line repair request from Opera House Committee to be paid for with grant money. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Motion by Gay to direct City Clerk to contact USDA regarding an architect for the Opera House. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Tabled Fire Department application and agreement until October.

Janine Johnson and Lisa Nelson presented funding request and questions regarding Anderson Park. The Council will do research for this request.

Resolution 2021 – 26: Resolution Fixing Date for a Meeting on the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of not to Exceed \$830,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. Motion to approve by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Council will start the process of researching water meters.

Approval of signing of City Bridge Fund Letter. Motion by Gay, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Approval of Resolution 2021 – 27: Proposing the Sale of Vacant Lot at 607 Motley Street, Essex, Iowa. Motion by Kinney, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

The discussion of the property at 707 Omaha Avenue was tabled until October.

John Lindburg at 205 East Street presented the Council a request to reimburse him for removing a diseased tree in the parkway. Documentation from Clark's Tree Service was provided. Motion by Franks to reimburse Lindburg in the amount of \$1,070.00 for the removal of a diseased tree, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of Amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Johnson Subdivision Urban Renewal District. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

The Council discussed the current golf cart ordinance. It will be put on the November Agenda for further review.

Ordinances with the wording of reasonable were also discussed.

The Council received one bid of \$100 for the mower from Doug Stotts. Motion to approve by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

The Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The material that was available during the Labor Day weekend was reviewed.

Work orders were reviewed. Motion to approve by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public comments on Agenda items: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: August 11, 2021; Treasurer's Report August 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims August 12, 2021 – September 8, 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

The Council members all commented on a successful Labor Day weekend for the community.

The Mayor will be working on a newsletter to go out in October. She announced there will be a special council meeting Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 to update the Council on the many projects.

Adjournment at 8:17 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht