

## **REGULAR SESSION**

October 13, 2021

The City Council of Essex met October 13, 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: Brian Lawson, Colton Dinsdale, Dennis Gresham, Lisa Nelson, Cathy and Jesse Shane, Donna Ross, Tom Ross, Lori Racine, Elke Sederburg, Becky Streitenberger, Janine Johnson, Amy Toye,

Public comments: Lisa Nelson, Lori Racine, and Elke Sederburg had concerns on flowers removed at the cemetery.

Cathy Shane spoke on her concerns on flowers removed at the cemetery. Mayor Durfey will get back to her by the end of the month on decorations going forward.

Public Hearing: 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. There were no written or oral comments received. Public hearing was closed. Motion by Gay, second Franks to approve. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2021 – 28: To Apply for Financial Assistance with the USDA for a City Maintenance Vehicle. There were no written or oral comments received. Public hearing was closed.

Acceptance of monthly police report: September 5, 2021 – October 9, 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

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

Brian Lawson from UECO and Colton Dinsdale from Ferguson Waterworks gave presentations on water meters.

The application and agreement for the fire department was tabled until January 2022.

Janine Johnson updated the Council on the last piece of equipment the committee wishes to purchase for Anderson Park. Gay motioned to purchase the Rally Round to be placed on the east side of Anderson Park (with the guidance of City employees). Second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Franks, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Nays: Correll.

City Clerk informed Council of Deb Lewis's wish to donate towards a shelter at Anderson Park on the west side. Clerk directed to let her know it will be worked on at during budget planning.

The cemetery rules were discussed. Motion by Kinney to give Cemetery Board until January 1, 2022 to review and update the rules. Second by Gay. Ayes: Correll, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Nays: Franks.

Second Reading Resolution 2021 – 24: Animal Protection and Control. Motion to approve by Correll, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 24: Animal Protection and Control by Franks, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 31: For Official to obtain lots through tax redemption. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

The Council reviewed the Community Development Block Grant Site Audit.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 32: Proposing to Add Certainty to City Ordinances that have Statements Based on Reasonable Behavior. Motion by Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of DOT Essex Detour Agreement. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of Annual Financial Report June 30, 2021. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 29: City Street Finance Report 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 30: Transfer of Funds Lied Public Library. Motion by Correll, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 33: Setting Dates of a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Essex, State of Iowa. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Tree grant discussed. Gay will work on getting the trees ordered.

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

The Council received an update on the Opera House from Diane Liljedahl.

Public comments on agenda items: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: September 8, 2021, September 22, 2021; Treasurer's Report September 30, 2021; Abstract of Claims September 9, 2021 – October 13, 2021. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties. A complaint was discussed. The Mayor will follow up with the Police Department to check on the property.

Gay passed out Essex Community Club flyers advertising the upcoming Trunk or Treat and movie event.

Adjournment at 8:38 PM. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht