

REGULAR SESSION

November 10, 2021

The City Council of Essex met November 10, 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 Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Members of the public present: Becki Franks, Aaron Sample, Linda Holman and Paul Bennett.

Linda Holman presented a drain damage issue. Mark Marriott will fix it.

Public Hearing: Sale of 607 Motley Street to Catherine Brooks \$1,500. There were no written or oral comments received. Public hearing was closed. Motion Kinney, second by Franks to approve the sale. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2021 – 32: Proposing to Add Certainty to City Ordinances that have Statements Based on Reasonable Behavior. There were no written or oral comments received. Public hearing was closed. Approval of first reading, motion by Gay, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: 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. There were no written or oral comments received. Public Hearing was closed. Approval Resolution 2021 – 36: Resolution determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such are as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Amendment No. 1 to the Urban Renewal Plan. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2021 – 34: Proposition to Authorize a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence obligations of the City thereunder. There were no written or oral comments received. Public Hearing was closed. Approval Resolution 2021 – 37: Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and Between the City of Essex, Iowa, and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing payment of \$180,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes Anticipation Project Note, Series 2022, of the City of Essex, Iowa under the provisions of the code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said Notes. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: October 10, 2021 – November 6, 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

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

Discussion of water meter financing. Will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 38: Proposing Amending Chapter 99 By Amending Section 99.02 Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Charges. This will increase the base rate to \$21.75. Motion by Kinney, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

The Fire Department presented two quotes for lights. Motion to approve purchase of Fenix Torch scene lights for \$3,150 by Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of Fire and Rescue application of Gabriel Fort. Motion by Gay, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of Essex Youth Sports Board members: Brittany Maher, Nick Maher, Colby Kinney. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Correll, Franks, Gay, Wenstrand. Kinney abstained.

Council discussed changes in cemetery rules. Proposed other changes and will discuss again in December after Cemetery Board has had a chance to review.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 35: Requesting Funds from the American Rescue Plan. Motion by Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Paul Bennett, the new executive director of Southview Village was introduced. He submitted names for Southview Village Board appointments. Motion to approve Joey Samuelson, Brent Younggren and Ken Royer by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Budget work sessions were discussed. Budget worksheets have gone out to all departments with a due date of December 10th.

The upcoming council vacancy due to Kinney’s election to mayor was discussed. The vacancy will occur January 1, 2022.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: October 13, 2021, October 27, 2021; Treasurer’s Report October 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims October 14, 2021 – November 10, 2021. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on 701 Iowa Avenue, 207 Brooks Street and 707 Omaha Avenue.

Mayor Durfey announced a special meeting to be held Monday, November 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Durfey had Marriott update the Council on a pump at the sewer plant that is needing repaired. Franks reported a concern of someone living in a camper.

Adjournment 7:59 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht