

REGULAR SESSION

December 8, 2021

The City Council of Essex met December 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 employees Mary Marriott and Kelly Morehouse were also present.

The Agenda was approved. Motion by Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk Ohnmacht to re-elected Council member Nicole Wenstrand, newly elected Council member Jeff Eshelman and newly elected Mayor Calvin Kinney.

Members of the public present: Jeff and Deanna Eshelman, Liz Skillern, Dennis Gresham, Shane Franks, Richie Diehl, Russell Hilker, Justin Welchans, Aaron Sample, Colby Kinney, Cameron Kinney. There were no comments from the public.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2021 – 38 Sewer Service Charges changing current base fee from \$15.00 to \$21.75. There were no written or oral comments received. Public Hearing was closed. Approval of first reading, motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: November 7, 2021 – December 4, 2021. Motion by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Updated cemetery rules were presented for approval. Motion by Gay, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Tabled request from fire department for air packs until an updated quote is presented.

Approval of election of fire chief Todd Franks and assistant chief Richie Diehl. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Correspondence from Mediacom and Keystone concerning rate increases were reviewed.

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

Public comments on agenda items: Jeff Eshelman suggested signage by burn site.

Complaints from Tim Hill and Don Olson were tabled until January.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: November 10, 2021, November 22, 2021, November 29, 2021; Treasurer's Report: November 30, 2021; Abstract of Claims November 11, 2021 – December 8, 2021. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Cemetery lot issue was tabled until January.

Mayor Durfey presented ideas of adding electrical service to the Iowa Avenue lot owned by the City and updating the electrical for the Christmas decorations downtown. Franks thanked Fire and Rescue for their service.

Mayor Durfey was presented a plaque for her 20 years of dedicated service to the City Council. Council person Sandy Correll was presented a plaque for her 4 years of dedicated service to the City Council.

Next meeting budget workshop January 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment at 7:33 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht