

## **REGULAR SESSION**

March 9, 2022

The City Council of Essex met in regular session at the Essex Community Room at 7:00 PM. Mayor Kinney called the meeting to order and roll call was taken showing the following members of the Council present or absent. Present: Ballinger, Eshelman, Franks, Thornton (by Zoom), Wenstrand. Absent: None. City Attorney Sorensen and City Clerk Ohnmacht were also present.

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

Guests present: Liz Skillern and Mark Marriott. No comments from the public.

Public Hearing: Budget Estimate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 – Ending June 30, 2023 was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 15: Adoption of Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 12: Proposing Certain Requirements for the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles and the Requirements of Chapter 75 All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles and Sections 75.03 and Section 75.05 opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first reading Resolution 2022 – 12: Proposing Certain Requirements for the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles and the Requirements of Chapter 75 All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles and Sections 75.03 and Section 75.05. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 13: Proposing Amendment Chapter 82 Golf Carts opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first reading Resolution 2022 – 13: Proposing Amendment of Chapter 82 Golf Carts. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: February 6, 2022 – March 5, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

A bid for replacing the heating at the water plant was presented for \$1,875 from Kirchert Electric.

The plan and costs for putting a fence around the lagoon was reviewed.

The Council was presented Technical Memorandum Amendment 2 from JEO.

Approval request from Library to serve wine at limited events based on letter of opinion from Sorensen. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 14: Resolution Proposing the Amendment of City Essex Zoning Ordinance Article III General Provisions 3.4 Permit Required to include building line. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 16: Resolution Proposing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction as Permitted Under Iowa Code 354.9 and Iowa Code 499B. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 17: Resolution Proposing Amendment of Code of Ordinance, Essex Iowa of May 21, 2020, Chapter 50, Nuisance Abatement by the addition of paragraph X in Section 50.02. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 18: Solar Regulation and change to Zoning Ordinance to Address Solar. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Decision to re-key city buildings tabled until April.

Decision to replace doors at city hall tabled until April.

Larry Anderson presented information for treating city trees at a cost of \$2,500. Motion to approve treatment by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Decision for spraying and mowing tabled until April to allow time to collect more detailed bids.

Approval bid from JW Excavation of \$12,910 to install storm sewer at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Denison Street going west 1 block on the south side and going east 1 block on both sides. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Council was presented correspondence from Mediacom.

Mayor Kinney updated the Council on the status of 710 Iowa Avenue.

The Council reviewed a quote and proposal for downtown banners.

Approval for Essex Community Club to construct concrete pad for bleachers at derby track. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Building permits were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: February 9, 2022, February 23, 2022; Treasurer's Report February 28, 2022; Abstract of Claims: February 10, 2022 – March 9, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

Mayor Kinney asked for newsletter items to be turned in by the end of March. He will be researching more opportunities for city wide clean-up.

Good News: Eshelman is thankful for forecast of only 1-2 inches of snow. Franks is excited for the snow! Thornton announced that a Labor Day theme has been chosen and will be sharing more next month. Ballinger praised the Library for the new programs. Wenstrand had 2 different citizens mention the good job city employees are doing. Sorensen spoke of the Bingo activity being a good activity for the city. Kinney announced the upcoming arrival of grandchild number 3.

Adjournment at 8:53 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht