

REGULAR SESSION

April 13, 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, Wenstrand. Absent: none. City Attorney Sorensen and City Clerk Ohnmacht were also present.

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

Guests present: Cassie Lundgren, Kevin & Cheryl Terry, Amy Toye, Paul Berning, Colton Dinsdale, Todd Maher, Kurt Henstorf, Dennis Gresham, John Krager, Brad Allumbaugh, Roger McQueen, Matt Franks, Mark Marriott, Kelly Morehouse, Kaley Neal, Ty Davison, Mall Sells. No comments from the public.

Colton Dinsdale from Ferguson Waterworks updated the Council on the meter project. The other size of meters are in high demand and are expected to be here mid-September.

Matt Sells and Ty Davison educated the Council on ambulance services and declaring EMS as an essential service. This issue will be on the November ballot.

Kevin and Cheryl Terry spoke on concerns they have with their neighbor's garbage.

Paul Berning, representing MidAmerican Energy, presented the Council with a check for \$1,000 for the Trees Please! grant.

Public Hearing: Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 19: Adopting Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 14: Zoning Article III Building Line was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first Reading Resolution 2022 – 14: Zoning Article III Building Line. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 16: Proposing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first Reading Resolution 2022 – 16: Proposing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 17: Amendment Nuisance Abatement was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first Reading Resolution 2022 – 17: Amendment Nuisance Abatement. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 18: Solar Regulation was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first Reading Resolution 2022 – 18: Solar Regulation. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Second Reading: Resolution 2022 – 12: Proposing ATV/UTV Requirements. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Motion to waive third reading Resolution 2022 – 12: Proposing ATV/UTV Requirements by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Proposing ATV/UTV Requirements by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Second Reading: Resolution 2022 – 13: Proposing Amendment Golf Carts. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Motion to waive third reading Resolution 2022 – 13: Proposing Amendment Golf Carts by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Proposing Amendment Golf Carts by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: March 6, 2022 – April 9, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Acceptance of resignation of Amber Duncan Library Director. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of Library Board appointment of Sabrina Marriott to Library Director. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of bench placement in Anderson Park in remembrance of Alice and Lisa Almquist by the Faith Covenant Church. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

John Krager updated the Council on Amendment 2 of the Sanitary Sewer project. Approval of Amendment No. 2 Change the Scope of Services Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Mayor/city Clerk to sign bridge project financial documents. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 20: Transfer of Funds (General to Perpetual Care). Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on 707 Omaha Avenue.

Cassie Lundgren updated the Council on Community Club plans for Labor Day.

Spraying and mowing bids were presented. Motion by Ballinger to approve Turf Tek for fertilization and aeration at the cemetery, Anderson Park, Memorial Park and Heritage Park for the 2022 season. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Motion by Wenstrand to approve BA Landscape for cemetery mowing for the 2022 season by Wenstrand. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Echo quote of automatic service entrance transfer switch to be placed at school for emergencies. This will be pending agreement with Essex Community School. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval proposal of street work on North Avenue, South Avenue and East Street by Blacktop Service Co. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

City wide clean-up was discussed. Motion by Franks to accept tires this year at a cost of \$2.00 per tire with the requirement that the tires be off the rims. Second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Council was presented with 2 bids to replace doors at City Hall. Motion by Ballinger to have CBS Lumber replace the lobby door and the former police door. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Glass Guy to replace locks at Library and City Hall. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Ohnmacht updated the Council on property at 710 Iowa Avenue. SWIPCo has sent out for bids for asbestos abatement.

Ohnmacht was directed to send out RFPs for audit 2022.

Correspondence from Mediacom was reviewed.

Billing for pool fills was discussed. Motion by Franks to charge sewer for sprinkler and pool fills. Motion died from lack of second. Motion by Eshelman to continue to not charge sewer fees for

pool fills and sprinklers. Second by Wenstrand. Ayes: Ballinger, Eshelman, Thornton, Wenstrand. Nays: Franks.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: March 9, 2022; Treasurer's Report March 31, 2022; Abstract of Claims: March 10, 2022 – April 13, 2022. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

Mayor Kinney reported to the Council on a meeting with Iowa DOT regarding drainage and ditches. Mowing of drainage ditches has been completed by Jim Anderson.

Good News: Ballinger: Opera House foundation work was completed last week. Wenstrand: ECC is having a golf outing June 23rd. Thornton: happy to be at the meeting in person. Eshelman: hearing outside of the community of the good things happening in Essex. How the council is listening to the Essex citizens. Franks: Essex senior Riley Jensen broke the school record in high jump. Kinney: healthy new granddaughter and have been receiving good community feedback. Ohnmacht: attended daughter's military graduation where she was named top graduate.

Adjournment at 9:16 PM. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht