

REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 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 Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Dennis Gresham. He had a question about a new building being built on California Avenue.

Approval second reading Resolution 2022 – 14: Zoning Article III Building Line. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval second reading Resolution 2022 – 16: Proposing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval second reading Resolution 2022 – 17: Amendment to Nuisance Abatement. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval second reading Resolution 2022 – 18: Solar Regulation. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: April 10, 2022 – May 7, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of account write offs for 3 utility accounts. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Council was updated on the water project. The City of Essex has received USDA funding to move forward with the project.

Approval of Fire and Rescue application of Riley Graham. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of bid for library kitchen presented by the Library Board. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of placement of memorial bench donated by the Hadden family in honor of Caleb Davis. Motion by Franks to place on north side of Iowa Avenue, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval Casey's General Stores Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit Application renewal. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Casey's General Stores Liquor License renewal: Class E Liquor License (LE), Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer), Sunday Sales License #LE0003263. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Garrison's Tavern and Grill, Inc. Liquor License renewal, pending dram shop approval, Class C Liquor License #LC0047216. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval of street closing June 18th for a street dance on Iowa Avenue (mid 500 block) for street dance from 9 PM – midnight hosted by Garrison's Tavern and Grill. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Discussion of sale of 707 Omaha Avenue tabled until June meeting.

There was no update on Labor Day from the Essex Community Club.

City Clerk Ohnmacht updated the council on the demolition process of 710 Iowa Avenue.

The Council discussed the current rate to rent the community room. Motion by Franks to raise the fee to rent the community room to \$50 starting July 1, 2022, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

The sound system that was donated by FTC was discussed. The Council would like to see it used more. Motion by Franks to change the fee to rent the system to \$50 with \$25 being returned upon undamaged return of the equipment. Second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Resolution 2022 – 22 Fuel Surcharge for garbage customers of \$5. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All. Public hearing will be in June. This surcharge will be reviewed at the December 2022 meeting.

Newsletter was discussed. It was decided to do a newsletter and post on social media and hang around town.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: April 13, 2022; Treasurer's Report April 30, 2022; Abstract of Claims: April 14, 2022 – May 11, 2022. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

Public comments on Agenda items: Dennis Gresham commented on the fuel surcharge.

Good News: The Essex 2022 graduating seniors were recognized: Dylan Barrett, Ashley Brooks, Gabriel Fort, Desiree Glasgo, Riley Graham, Skylar Hall, Riley Jensen and Brice Sederburg.

Franks announced that Sparky's will be staying in Essex. Eshelman new downtown banners look amazing and exciting to receive funding for water project. Wenstrand thankful for it not being windy and crops being planted. Thornton announced a purchase for their business. Ballinger reported that the cemetery looks good. Ohnmacht announced that Daniel Ohnmacht had graduated from the Iowa Law Force Academy. Kinney excited for the park completion with the last playground piece and all of the positive things going on in town.

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

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht