

REGULAR SESSION

June 8, 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 Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Greg & Rosie Stark, Mark Marriott, Cassie Lundgren, Christy Coverdell, Josh Gray, Shane Franks.

Public Comments: None.

Greg and Rosie Stark spoke on a noise complaint and requested the Essex ordinance mirror Shenandoah's with a time of 10:00 PM.

Police Chief Josh Gray introduced himself and Officer Shane Franks to the Council. He asked if the Council had any questions of him. He will be putting California Avenue on the list for the speed trailer.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 22: Garbage Fuel surcharge was opened by Mayor Kinney, No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval first reading Resolution 2022 – 22: Garbage Fuel surcharge. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval third reading Resolution 2022 – 14: Zoning Article III Building Line. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Ordinance 2022 – 04: Zoning Article III Building Line. Motion by Ballinger, Second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Ordinance 2022 – 05: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Ordinance 2022 – 06: Amendment Nuisance Abatement. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Ordinance 2022 – 07: Solar Regulation. Motion by Thornton, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: May 8, 2022 – June 4, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of EYS decision to remove board member due to lack of attendance. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: Ballinger, Franks, Eshelman, Wenstrand. Nays: Thornton.

Approval hiring library assistant Tammy Johnson. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 27: Library wages. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 21: Amending chapter 25 Cemetery Sale of Interment Rights and Perpetual Care. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 23: Transfer of Funds General to Perpetual Care. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 24: Transfer of Funds Emergency to General. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 25: Transfer of Funds Library. Motion by Eshelman, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 26: Authorization to Negotiate Land Purchase for Water Tower. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

The PILOT Program was presented by Southview Village. After discussion the decision was tabled until July.

A bulk water request was made by Turn Key Logistics. More information is needed and will make a decision at July meeting.

The property at 707 Omaha was discussed. The City now owns it. Motion by Eshelman to list property for \$3,000. Motion died for lack of second. Motion by Wenstrand to list property for \$2,000 with the same terms for building and refunding purchase price as other lots. Second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Cassie Lundgren updated the Council on Labor Day and some needs they have.

Mayor Kinney updated the Council on 710 Iowa. In the process of having asbestos abated before demolition.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: May 11, 2022; Treasurer's Report May 31, 2022; Abstract of Claims: May 12, 2022 – June 8, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Sorensen is waiting for direction from the Council on nuisance properties. Council will be looking at those in July after city wide clean-up.

Mayor updated the Council on:

- Few trees that City will be taking down
- Upcoming meeting with John Krager of JEO on sewer project
- Light poles at park that need replacing

Eshelman reported that Drew Alexander from Sparky's will take tires off the rim in exchange for keeping the rim for clean-up.

Future agenda items: ECC street closures requests for Labor Day.

Good News:

- Mark – starting street projects end of June
- Cassie – exciting upcoming Labor Day events
- Jeff – thankful for beautiful weather
- Betty – Library has some great programs going on
- Mary – thankful for small town network
- Calvin – Memorial Day service was beautiful
- Mahlon – hail did not get all of his corn
- Patti – thankful for small town neighbors
- Nicole – storm was not like one in December
- Heather – confirmed big carnival for Labor Day

Adjournment at 8:16 PM. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht

