

REGULAR SESSION

July 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 Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Mark Marriott, Dennis Gresham, Cassie Lundgren, Heidi Hertensen.

Public comments: none.

Cassie Lundgren updated the Council on the Labor Day events and presented a request for street closures. Approval of proposed street closures presented. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 21: Amending Chapter 25 Cemetery Sale of Interment Rights and Perpetual Care was opened by Mayor Kinney. No written or oral comments or objections were received. The public hearing was closed.

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

Public Hearing: Resolution 2022 – 28: Lot for Sale 707 Omaha Avenue was opened by Mayor Kinney. No offers were submitted. Public hearing was closed. City will continue to accept offers.

Approval second reading Resolution 2022 – 22: Garbage Fuel Surcharge. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report June 5, 2022 – July 9, 2022. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

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

Approval hiring Matt Franks EMS coordinator by Essex Rescue at \$15 per hour for 20 hours a month. Motion by Thornton, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 29: Transfer of Funds Perpetual Care. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval 100% Plan Sanitary Sewer Rehab. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Addendum #3 BNSF Permit. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for proposed water tower. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of sale of walker mower. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: Eshelman, Thornton, Wenstrand. Nays: Ballinger, Franks. Motion carried.

Approval of IRS mileage rate increase to 62.5 cents per mile. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

PILOT program concerning Southview Village was discussed. Mayor and City Attorney will meet with housing boards after Labor Day.

Bulk water sale was discussed. Council would like more details before making a decision.

Ohnmacht updated the Council on the progress of 710 Iowa Avenue. Asbestos has been removed.

Council was updated on the camera system at City Hall. Mayor will research options for the Council.

Work orders were reviewed. Mayor listed items that will be worked on before Labor Day.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: June 8, 2022; Treasurer's Report June 30, 2022; Abstract of Claims: June 9, 2022 – July 13, 2022. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Public comments on agenda items: None.

Nuisances were discussed. Sorensen has no active items. Mayor reviewed 2 signed complaints that were followed up with letters. Kinney also reviewed other nuisance letters to be sent.

Ohnmacht updated the Council on clean-up day.

Mayor Kinney then informed the Council of citizen report. On July 11, 2022 (time unknown) a citizen found their pet in a pool of blood deceased on their property. The pet had been shot. It is unlawful for the discharge of a firearm in the City limits.

Good News:

- Dennis Gresham is retiring in 8 days
- Heidi Hertensen is glad the paper has more help to allow more coverage
- Mark Marriott is grateful for the rain
- Heather – everyone at home is finally healthy
- Nicole – thankful her aunt is recovering
- Patti – excited for daughter getting married
- Mahlon – celebrating a new grandson
- Calvin – celebrating new granddaughter
- Betty – lots of work being done at the Opera House
- Mary – excited for daughter coming home

- Jeff – thankful for nice weather so he can enjoy his new car

Adjournment at 8:17 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht