

REGULAR SESSION

October 12, 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: Cassie Lundgren. No public comments.

Acceptance of monthly police report: September 11, 2022 – October 8, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Acceptance of resignation of library assistant Tammy Johnson. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Council reviewed options of water tower sites. Instructed Sorensen to move forward with site one east of Victory Street.

Snow removal applicants were presented to the council. Motion to approve David Alexander, Nick Berggren, Colby Kinney and Keely York for on call work by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 32 Adopting Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval of LED Lighting upgrade proposal from ROI Energy for a cost of \$9,792. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Security camera proposals tabled until November.

Council discussed the idea of a shared marketing director. Would like to set up joint meeting with school and ECC to have further discussions.

Ballinger presented trees for the Trees Please grant.

The tree ordinance was discussed. Ballinger will review trees with Earl May experts and present options to the Council.

The work at 710 Iowa Avenue was reviewed.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: September 14, 2022; Treasurer's Report September 30, 2022; Abstract of Claims: September 15, 2022 – October 12, 2022. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

No public comments on agenda items.

Nuisance properties were reviewed by Sorensen. He will be moving forward with pursuing nuisances on properties on Nebraska Avenue and South Avenue.

Good News:

- Heather – went on a good vacation last week.
- Nicole – harvest is going smoothly
- Patti – appreciates small town/local businesses
- Mahlon – was able to take Columbus Day off
- Jeff – looking forward to going on a cruise next month
- Betty – opera house is coming along
- Mary – submitting for clerk certification
- Calvin – Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference was a great experience

Adjournment at 8:43 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht