

REGULAR SESSION

November 9, 2022

The City Council of Essex met with the Essex School Board and Essex Community Club at 6:00 PM in the Essex Community Room prior to the regular monthly council meeting. Sharing opportunities were discussed. No action was taken.

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, Franks, Thornton. Absent: Eshelman, Wenstrand. City Attorney Sorensen and City Clerk Ohnmacht were also present.

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

Guests present: Heidi Hertensen, Sabrina Marriott, Mark Marriott, and Dennis Gresham. Dennis Gresham had a question about gates around the lagoon.

Acceptance of monthly police report: October 9, 2022 – November 5, 2022. Motion by Thornton, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

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

Sabrina Marriott presented information on having a student helper at the library.

Approval of Library CD restructuring for better rates. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval of City participating in EMC Insurance On Call Nurse Program. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 33 Rescinding Resolution 2020 – 33: Transfer of Funds. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: October 12, 2022; Treasurer's Report October 31, 2022; Abstract of Claims: October 13, 2022 – November 9, 2022. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Public comments on Agenda items: Sabrina asked about how CDs are titled.

Nuisance properties were reviewed by Sorensen. He is moving forward with 510 Illinois with the knowledge of the property owner. South Avenue property is still a problem. Will be asking courts for a fine. The dog barking complaint on Nebraska Avenue is still ongoing. Sorensen will start looking at vacant lots in the city limits that have not been claimed on tax sale. He is also working on the sewer project easements.

Mayor Kinney passed out his activity report for the month and his notes from attending the Annual Conference of the Iowa League of Cities.

Clerk Ohnmacht made the Council aware of the Southwest Iowa Housing Trust Fund demolition program. She will also be submitting the application to MidAmerican Energy for the Trees Please grant.

Future Agenda Items:

- Budget Meeting Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- Water meter update
- Security camera proposals

Good News:

- Heather – Trunk or Treat went great
- Patti – good election results for Iowa
- Mahlon – been enjoying the full moon and eclipse
- Betty – Opera House interior is painted
- Mary – cheerleaders did well at completion
- Calvin – audit exit interview went well – good review

Adjournment at 7:49 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht