

REGULAR SESSION

December 14, 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. City Attorney Sorensen and City Clerk Ohnmacht were also present.

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

Guests present: Dennis Gresham, Tyler Penning and Colton Rupprecht representing Embark and Ryan Ernst representing FMTC.

Public comments: Dennis Gresham reported junk vehicles in yards that need to be checked out. Mayor Kinney asked him for a list to review.

Ryan Ernst from FMTC gave a brief presentation and answered council questions on security cameras FMTC could provide.

Tyler Penning and Colton Rupprecht gave a presentation and answered council questions on security cameras Embark could provide.

Acceptance of monthly police report: November 6, 2022 – December 10, 2022. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of proposal from HOA Solutions for Sinewave Filter for Well#6 \$3,660.68. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of delinquent utilities report. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes; All.

Motion to discontinue garbage fuel surcharge with January 2023 billing by Thornton, second by Franks. Discussion followed. Ayes: Eshelman, Franks, Thornton. Nays: Ballinger, Wenstrand. Motion carried.

Discussion of Demotion Disposal Agreement from Page County Landfill. Sorensen will work on proposed changes for January meeting. Ballinger presented information on the landfill including recycling information.

Approval of Fire and Rescue member Alexander Campbell. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 34: Transfer of Funds for Lied Public Library. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval for JEO to create a map for Johnson Subdivision sanitary sewer and water mains. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2022 – 35: Setting a Public Hearing on the Intent to Acquire or Condemn if Necessary all or a Portion of a Property or an Interest in Property for the Public Improvement for the Essex Water Tower Project. Motion by Eshelman, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval of USDA Loan Resolution for the Sewer Utility. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

The Council reviewed the snow emergency and snow removal ordinances.

Mayor Kinney presented an opportunity to open the community room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM for local community members to gather and socialize. This will start in January.

Mayor Kinney reminded the Council of the upcoming budget workshop on December 21st and asked for information requests.

Work orders were reviewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: November 9, 2022, December 5, 2022; Treasurer's Report: November 30, 2022; Abstract of Claims: November 10, 2022 – December 14, 2022. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Public comments on Agenda items: Dennis Gresham commented on recycling programs.

Attorney Sorensen updated the Council on the South Avenue nuisance property. He also reported on other properties he is working on.

Future agenda items: reviewing fuel surcharge. The rural trustee meeting will be in February.

Good news:

- Mahlon – attended a good law conference
- Patti – the train is up on the side of city hall
- Nicole – has a new healthy nephew – Chase
- Jeff – went to Cedar Rapids for his granddaughter's birthday
- Betty – her woodpile is full and the opera house interior painting is awesome
- Mary – great family vacation
- Calvin – will have entire family together for Christmas

Adjournment at 8:31 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht