

## **REGULAR SESSION**

January 11, 2023

The City Council of Essex met January 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, Essex City Hall. 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 Clerk Ohnmacht and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

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

Members of the public present: Dennis Gresham and Heidi Hertensen. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Kinney appointed the following with unanimous support of the City Council:

1. Mayor Pro Tem: Patti Ballinger
2. Library Board of Trustees Chairperson: Carol York
3. Zoning Administrative Officer: Tim Moyer
4. Essex Youth Sports Chairperson: Alice Walters

The City Council reappointed the following on motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

1. City Clerk/Treasurer: Mary Ohnmacht
2. City Attorney: Mahlon Sorensen
3. Public Works Director: Kelly Morehouse
4. Street Superintendent: Mark Marriott
5. Planning & Zoning Commission: Tom Ross, Roger Burns, Carol Chambers
6. Essex Low Rent Housing Board of Commissioners: Joey Samuelson, Jan Humphrey, Jeannine Liljedahl, Brent Younggren, Ken Royer
7. Cemetery Board of Trustees: Lisa Nelson, Jim Alexander, John Bengtson, Sandy Correll, Nicole Wenstrand
8. Page County Landfill Representative: Patti Ballinger, alternate: Betty Franks
9. Fire Chief: Todd Franks

Approval Resolution 2023 – 01: Establishing Regular Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 2023. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 02: Appointment and Retainer and Compensation of City Attorney. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 03: Designating Official Newspapers. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 04: Naming Depositories. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report December 11, 2022 – January 7, 2023. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Demolition Disposal Agreement. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 05: Transfer of Funds Perpetual Care. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 06: Engaging Outside Counsel for Purpose of Leading the Effort of Acquiring Certain Lands for the Purpose of the Location and Construction of a City Water Tower. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of IRS standard mileage rates for 2023 of 65.5 cents per mile. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Public comments on agenda items: none.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: December 14, 2022, December 21, 2022, December 28, 2022, January 3, 2023, January 10, 2023; Treasurer’s Report: December 31, 2022; Abstract of Claims: December 14, 2022 – January 11, 2023. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on multiple properties. The City has taken ownership of 511 Nebraska Avenue. Sorensen also updated the Council on a continuing nuisance property on South Avenue.

Future Agenda items:

- Tree Ordinance

Good News:

- Betty – cabinets are in at the Opera House.
- Jeff – fully staffed at work
- Mary – 2 cheerleaders have been selected to go to the Shrine Bowl
- Heather – going on vacation in a few weeks
- Nicole – going on vacation in a few weeks
- Patti – Christmas decorations down and cleaned up – looks good
- Mahlon – daughter is getting married
- Calvin – had a great holiday with family

Adjournment at 7:36 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht