

## **REGULAR SESSION**

February 8, 2023

The Essex City council met in regular session at the Essex Community Room at 6:30 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. Absent: Wenstrand. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present.

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

Guests present: Dennis Gresham, Ritchie Diehl, Todd Franks. Rural Trustees: Jim O'Hara, Lisa Holmes, Lyle Palmer, Todd Bashaw, Donald Woodin, Chad McClintock, Don Holmes, Mike Johnson, Randy Wenstrand, Steve Falk, Reg Carlson, Joe Jardon, Daniel Jensen, Krista Huntsman.

A review of the 2022 fire revenues, expenses and proposed 2023 – 2024 budget, 2022 township expenses and 2022 bank transactions was presented.

The meeting recessed at 6:47 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 PM. City Attorney Sorensen joined the meeting along with guests Aaron and Terra Sample.

Public comments: Dennis Gresham asked about a downtown building needing attention.

Acceptance of monthly police report: January 8, 2023 – February 4, 2023. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of appointment of Blake Jensen to six year term to Planning and Zoning. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 08: Transfer of Funds: Cemetery internal loan repayment. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Bids were reviewed for the City owned lot 707 Omaha Avenue. Motion to table until March by Eshelman. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Council discussed fines for ordinance violations. This will be on the March agenda.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 10: Approving Internal Loan (Opera House). Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Tree ordinance was discussed. Council will review and discuss in March.

The Council received only one bid for mowing the cemetery. Motion to accept BA Landscaping bid to mow, trim and clear stones off for \$425 per mow by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Summer help was discussed and an ad will be put out.

Spring project were discussed. The council will be seeking a bid for spraying and fertilizing.

Chickens in the city limits was discussed. The Mayor will do research what other communities allow. The ordinance will be reviewed in March.

Comments on agenda items: none.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: January 11, 2023, January 12, 2023, January 24, 2023, January 31, 2023; Treasurers Report January 31, 2023; Abstract of Claims January 12, 2023 – February 8, 2023. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the council on 811 South Avenue and nuisance properties.

Franks requested a review of the pool cover ordinance.

Good News:

- Heather – great vacation and had a good first Labor Day meeting
- Patti – enjoying the good weather for February
- Mahlon – good news from Bri
- Jeff – working on good health
- Betty – had a good visit from neighbor & dog
- Mary – excited for 2 cheerleaders to cheer at the Shrine Bowl
- Calvin – grandson is talking

Adjournment at 8:10 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht