

CITY OF ESSEX

Spring Newsletter May 2023

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MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor – Calvin Kinney

City Council Members

- Patti Ballinger
- Jeff Eshelman
- Betty Franks
- Heather Thornton
- Nicole Wenstrand

City Staff

Public Works Director

- Justin Ross

Park/Street Superintendent

- Mark Marriott

City Clerk – Mary Ohnmacht

ESSEX COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Officials with the City of Essex, Essex Community School District, and Essex Community Club have hired Tess Nelson as its Community Development Director. As Community Development Director, Nelson will work to strengthen and expand economic and community programs and businesses, market the community and school, obtain grants for growth and improvements, and serve as the Essex Community Club Director. All three of the entities recognized a need to improve communications, central efforts and recourses, and most of all, seek opportunities for community growth that may be overlooked. Since 2005, Nelson has been in the newspaper business. She spent more than 10 years at The Valley News and Essex Independent and the last several years as the General Manager of The Red Oak Express and The Opinion-Tribune in Glenwood. Nelson's office will be located at Essex City Hall. She began her duties Monday, May 15th. "The community and school district in Essex have a lot of potential waiting to be untapped," said Nelson. "I'm excited to get started in marketing and promoting all it has to offer."

CONGRATULATIONS ESSEX SENIORS!

CLASS OF 2023

Olivia Baker

Preston Driskell

Matthew Givens

Nicholas Givens

Owen Hedditch

Brianne Johnson

Jacob Robinette

Victoria Sample

Jonathan Staley

Natalie Taylor



City Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at the Community Room at 7 PM. The agenda is posted at City Hall, Post Office, Library and City of Essex Website.

Thank you to Essex Fire Department for their work on the training fire.

OPERA HOUSE UPDATE

The Opera House is almost complete! The City is currently accepting bookings for weekend events. Please contact City Hall for more information.

ESSEX LABOR DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

Lots of opportunities to get involved and volunteer! Interested? Send an email to laborday@essexiowa.com.



ORDINANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Mowing

- Grass no longer than 6 inches
- Do not blow grass clippings into the street

Golf Carts

- These vehicles must have a permit issued from City Hall
- All vehicles must obey all traffic laws
- Golf cart operators must be 16 years old or older
- Permits are valid January – December
- Permit sticker must be clearly displayed on vehicle
- One permit per vehicle – stickers are not transferable

ATV/UTVs must be registered through the county

Civil Penalty (tickets issued for ordinance violations)

- Dogs and cats running “at large” (off leash or out of their yard)
- Dogs barking excessively
- Please call the police to report an issue. Offenders will be issued a citation.

Fireworks

- July 1 – July 3 until 10:00 PM
- July 4 – until 11:00 PM
- Please be respectful of your neighbors & community by obeying posted times for the use of fireworks and picking up fireworks waste & trash

For a copy of the full ordinance please stop by City Hall.

YARD WASTE

PLEASE remember that the yard waste site on Airport Road is just that – yard waste. No dumping of garbage, plastic planting containers, concrete is allowed. If this continues the City will have to restrict hours or close the site. These are DNR regulations that we must follow.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The City of Essex will be holding a municipal election this November. Even though that seems a long way off, this is the time to plan for the election. Three council seats will be on the ballot. Council seats have a four-year term. People elected will begin serving as of January 1, 2024.

Candidates must be eligible electors of the City of Essex. That means you must live within the Essex city limits, be a US citizen, be of legal voting age, and not have been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime for which your voting rights have not been restored by the governor or by the president of the United States.

Each candidate must file an affidavit of candidacy and nomination petition with the Page County Auditor’s office. If you have questions about elections, please contact the Page County Auditor’s office at 712-542-3219.