

REGULAR SESSION

July 12, 2023

The Essex City Council 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. Absent: none. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present.

The Agenda was approved striking the item Resolution to approve planning and zoning ordinance update. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Dennis Gresham. No comments from the public.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2023 – 23: Amend Planning and Zoning Commission Chapter 22 Section 22.01 Planning and Zoning Commission (going from 7 member to 5 member board). Public hearing opened by Mayor Kinney. There were no written or oral comments or objections. The public hearing was closed. Motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2023 – 23 by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Motion to waive second and third reading of Resolution 2023 – 23 by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023 – 23 Amend Planning and Zoning Commission as ordinance by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report: June 11, 2023 – July 8, 2023. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Essex Youth Sports board resignation of Jamie Swaim. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval of second reading Resolution 2023 – 14 Water Rates. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval of second reading Resolution 2023 – 15 Garbage Rates. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution authorizing advancement costs for an Urban Renewal Project and Certification of expenses incurred by the City for payment under Iowa Code Section 403.19. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2023 – 24: Transfer of Funds Cemetery Perpetual Care. Motion by Eshelman, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Council discussed storage containers. This will be on the August agenda.

Approval street closures presented by Essex Community Club for the Labor Day celebration. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Council discussed lot at 511 Nebraska. Directed City Clerk to publish notice for sale.

The Opera House was discussed. FTC will be contacted to set up Wi-Fi. Motion by Eshelman to open Opera House for rent Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend (with the reservation held for the all-school reunion potentially on Sunday afternoon). Second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of meter quote for well #6 from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$8,884.99. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Public comments on agenda items: none.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: June 14, 2023; Treasurer's Report: June 30, 2023; Abstract of Claims: June 15, 2023 – July 12, 2023. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Council updates: water project was discussed.

Mayor updated the council on:

- Cemetery
- Mowing letter sent
- Attending school board meeting to work with EYS
- Tree clean up
- Labor Day

Good News:

- Patti – foundation & A/C is done
- Nicole – RAIN
- Heather – 42 more days until school starts
- Mary – garden is doing great
- Betty – easel down at the Opera House & tree limb came down easy
- Jeff – looking forward to vacation and has a full staff at work
- Calvin – public sees the Council out doing work in the community and he is seeing a positive attitude around town.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht