

## **REGULAR SESSION**

October 11, 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 after removing winterizing Anderson Park restrooms (already complete) and messages from City Attorney (not present). Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Tyler Gartenberg and Paul Berning from MidAmerican Energy, Kim Tudor, Leonard Thompson and Dennis Gresham.

Public comments: Dennis Gresham asked about extra police coverage with the closing of Highway 59.

Tyler Gartenberg gave a presentation on MidAmerican Energy Franchise renewal. The information presented will be reviewed by the Council and discussed in November.

Approval of 202 California Avenue curb cut request. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly police report September 10, 2023 – October 7, 2023. Motion by Franks, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Pay Application #1 for sewer project. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Discussion of winter seasonal help. City clerk will post on social media and on fliers around town.

Approval of Opera House to be used for blood drive. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Discussion of nuisance property on Alice Street. Council agrees that letter should be sent.

Public comments on agenda items: Dennis Gresham had a question about Thompson curb cut.

Approval of Consent Agenda. Minutes: September 13, 2023, September 27, 2023; Treasurer's Report September 30, 2023; Abstract of Claims September 14, 2023 – October 11, 2023. Motion by Ballinger, second by Thornton. Ayes: All.

Messages from the Mayor and Council:

- Eshelman reported on conversation with 2 Page county supervisors regarding paving E Avenue from South Avenue to Highway 48.
- Mayor reported that hydrant flushing going fine
- Essex well levels are where they need to be
- Opera House furnace is having issues. Will have it looked at along with having other City owned buildings.

Good News:

- Jeff – has a new grandson
- Betty – has mowed for the last time this year.
- Nicole – harvest is going well and regular season volleyball is over
- Heather – youngest daughter tried volleyball and enjoyed it
- Mary – daughter is promoting
- Calvin – EYS volleyball tournament was well organized, well attended and the kids had fun.

Adjournment at 7:49 PM. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht