

REGULAR SESSION

February 14, 2024

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, Gresham, Wenstrand. Absent: none. City Clerk Ohnmacht were also present.

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

Guests present: Tim Bowers. Rural Trustees: Ron Allen, Todd Bashaw, Mike Johnson, Randy Wenstrand, Chad McClintock, Lyle Palmer, Bernard Fischer, Lisa Holmes, Jim O'Hara, Joe Jardon, Krista Huntsman, Edgar Wilkins.

A review of the 2023 fire revenues, expenses and proposed 2024 – 2025 budget, 2023 township expenses and 2023 bank transactions were presented.

Joe Jardon made a motion to set the levy at .40 per thousand (keep it the same). Second by Bernard Fischer. Ayes: All.

Discussion was had regarding moving funds to a CD for future truck purchase. Trustees find this acceptable.

The recessed at 6:55 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 PM. City Attorney Sorensen joined the meeting along with guests Kathy Sorensen, Kathleen Johnson and Hunter Steinoff.

There were no public comments.

Kathleen Johnson and Hunter Steinoff gave a presentation on proposed community room improvements.

Acceptance of monthly law enforcement report: January 7, 2024 – January 19, 2024; January 20, 2024 – January 31, 2024. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Phase 1 Archeological survey waterline project. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of resignation of Carla Kirchert from Essex Lied Library. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of fire department membership of Olivia Baker. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 06: Page County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 07: Water Rates. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 08: Garbage Rates. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 09: Sewer Rates. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 10: Designating Official Newspapers. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

No action taken on 529 Iowa Avenue.

No public comments on agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: January 10, 2024, January 11, 2024, January 18, 2024, January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024; Treasurer’s Report: January 31, 2024; Abstract of Claims: January 11, 2024 – February 14, 2024. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on nuisance properties.

Mayor Kinney gave the Council an update on communication from the DNR, a complaint dealt with and presented a list of things that would be worked on.

Future Agenda items:

- 529 Iowa Avenue
- Summer help wanted ad

Good News:

- Dennis – went out for lunch
- Nicole – will be going on vacation
- Patti – Essex will be hosting the Page County Republican Convention at the Opera House.
- Mahlon – had a good vacation
- Mary – have 4 cheerleaders named to the Shrine Bowl and one also named to the All Star team.
- Betty – Hank (rabbit) got a nice haircut
- Jeff – prayers for people in Kansas City
- Calvin – Kansas City Chiefs are Super Bowl champions again

Adjournment at 8:13 PM. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht