

REGULAR SESSION

March 13, 2024

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

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

No public comments.

Dave Richardson from Iowa Rural Water Association explained sewer regulations to the Council. He outlined Iowa Department of Natural Resources expectations.

Marvin Honeyman presented solutions to issues with the windows at the library, the sidewalk outside of the library and the sidewalk on the north side of the 500 block of Iowa. Motion to approve bid by Honeyman Construction to repair sidewalk drain outside of library for \$4,480 and library window and roof overhang for \$4,940 by Franks. Second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Gresham will look into other solutions for the Iowa Avenue sidewalk.

At 8:01 PM Mayor Kinney opened the public hearing for the notice of intent to file a CDBG application. Danielle Briggs participated in the meeting via phone call. There were no written or oral comments or objections. The public meeting was closed at 8:10 PM.

Acceptance of monthly law enforcement report: February 2024. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Amendment No. 5 of 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval of Change Order No. 2 of 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Essex Youth Sports by-law change was discussed. No action taken.

Essex Fire Department Tango Tango communications was discussed. No action taken.

The Council accepted the Southview Village counter proposal to payment in lieu of taxes. Sorensen was directed to accept on behalf of the Council.

Sorensen presented the Council with a letter detailing planning and zoning recommendations. They will review and discuss in April.

The community room rent was discussed. Motion by Franks to increase (starting immediately) to \$75 by Franks. Second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

City wide garage sales and clean up was discussed. City wide garage sale dates were set for Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st. City wide clean up was set for the following weekend of Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: February 14, 2024, February 15, 2024, February 22, 2024; Treasurer's Report: February 29, 2024; Abstract of Claims: February 15, 2024 – March 13, 2024. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Sorensen reported that he is working on the list given to him last month.

Mayor Kinney updated the Council on several items.

Good News:

- Mahlon said Tordon has doubled in price!
- Patti – enjoying driving around in her side by side.
- Nicole – has been given permission to do work in the tractor.
- Dennis – turned 66 yesterday.
- Jeff – looking forward to enjoying his peach tree that he planted 10 years ago.
- Betty – it was a beautiful day today.
- Mary – looking forward to All-Star cheer
- Calvin – recognized 2 people for 70 & 75 years in American Legion.

Adjournment at 9:31 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht