

REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 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. Absent: Wenstrand. City Clerk Ohnmacht and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Tracee Knapp and Charles King.

Tracee Knapp is a representative of Constituent Services of Congressman Zach Nunn. She told of just a few things her office can do for communities and urged the city to contact her office for any needs.

Charles King presented his concerns of his vehicles violating City ordinances. He was instructed to move the vehicles in the next 10 days, or the City will pursue legal action.

Public Hearing: Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, was opened by Mayor Kinney. There were no written or oral comments. The public hearing was closed.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 15: Adopting Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval second reading Resolution 2024 – 7 Water rates; Resolution 2024 -08 Garbage Rates; Resolution 2024 -09 Sewer Rates. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All

Acceptance of monthly law enforcement report: April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Westrum Leak Detection services 3-year contract. Motion by Ballinger, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of resignation of Lisa Nelson from cemetery board. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Essex Youth Sports board members Ray Liles and Preston Driskell. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Casey's Marketing Company Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vaper Application. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of Garrison's Pub N Grub LLC liquor license renewal pending dramshop review. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Essex Community Club Saturday in the Park event June 8, 2024. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 13 Transfer of funds from ARPA to general. Motion by Ballinger, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 14 Transfer of Funds Opera House internal loan. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval of Midwest Data Windows upgrade. Motion by Ballinger, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

No action on zoning ordinance. Will be on June 2024 agenda.

Approval of consent agenda – Minutes: April 10, 2024, April 17, 2024, April 24, 2024; Treasurer’s Report April 30, 2024; Abstract of Claims April 11, 2024 – May 8, 2024. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the Council on several items.

Council members listed some concerns that had been mentioned. The mayor went over a list of items he had addressed.

Ohnmacht presented the newsletter for review. The clerk was directed to move forward with the RFP for an audit. Ohnmacht updated the council on email and other items.

Future agenda items:

- Employee handbook
- Planning & zoning

Good News:

- Dennis – got pest problem taken care of.
- Patti – Garrison’s new wings are good!
- Jeff – grandchildren are coming to town, and he turns 60 in June.
- Betty – Hank got a haircut.
- Mary – daughter coming home Memorial Day.
- Mahlon – Farragut has a new restaurant.
- Calvin – good rain and we have missed the storms.

Adjournment at 8:43 PM. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht