

## **REGULAR SESSION**

September 11, 2024

The Essex City Council met in regular session at the Essex Community Room at 6:00 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-Larson entered the meeting at 7:00 PM. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present.

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

The Council toured the library to start the meeting.

6:27 PM Motion to enter closed session for employee reviews pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) to prevent injury to reputation and upon the request of the individual that may be affected by and for closed session by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

7:00 PM returned to open session.

Guests present: Don Olson. No comments from the public.

Acceptance of monthly law enforcement report August 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Pay Application Number 5 for the sewer project. Motion by Gresham, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Certificate of Substantial Completion for Execution for the sewer project. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of resignation of Magdalena Hernandez as library assistant. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 21 Budget Amendment. Motion by Ballinger, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2024 – 22 Transfer of Funds TIF to Sewer. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval Annual Urban Renewal Report FY 2023-2024. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Discussion of limiting hours at compost site due to abuse of the rules. Hours changed to 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM until October 31, 2024. November 1, 2024, hours will be 7:00

AM to 4:00 PM. Gates will be locked at the end of each day and opened each morning. Motion by Franks, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Seasonal help for snow removal will be advertised for. Applications will be at the next council meeting.

A bill was presented by Kelly Morehouse for his help with the new employees. Motion to approve by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Eshelman.

No public comments on agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Minutes: August 14, 2024, August 21, 2024; Treasurer’s Report August 31, 2024; Abstract of Claims August 16, 2024 – September 11, 2024. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

The council commented on the successful Labor Day celebration and how good the town looked.

Good News:

- Dennis – has been camping.
- Patti – flew for the first time.
- Jeff – new position at Sapp Brothers
- Betty – feels great.
- Mary – volleyball is going well.
- Calvin – blessed to be part of this team.

Adjournment at 8:04 PM. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht