

REGULAR SESSION

October 9, 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-Larson. Absent: none. City Clerk Ohnmacht and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Guests present: Joey Samuelson and Jessica Niskin.

Jessica Niskin presented the Council with information on a project she has been working on. It involves a study on the lagoon system. She will be doing a weeklong study.

The public hearing on Resolution 2024 – 20 Travel Trailers was tabled for further research.

Acceptance of monthly Page County Sheriff's Report September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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

Approval of Pay Application Number 6. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval of State Revolving Fund payoff of \$153,800. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012, dated February 28, 2012. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval of Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance of Taxable Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes and providing for a method of payment of the Notes. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Garbage and illegal dumping were discussed. It has become a problem. A letter will be sent to current and previous rural customers.

Acceptance of Library Board member Karen Patterson resignation. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of hiring Marian Durfey as librarian assistant. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Midwest Data quote of \$11,931.87 to update city security cameras. Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval for Essex Community Club to make safety improvements at the derby track. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the council on the status of 209 Central Street.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Minutes: September 11, 2024; Treasurer’s Report September 30, 2024; Abstract of Claims September 12, 2024 – October 9, 2024. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the council on nuisance properties.

The mayor reported on the Iowa League of Cities conference he attended in September.

Good News:

- Dennis – got a kayak and made a trailer for it.
- Betty – alley is straight with gravel.
- Calvin – granddaughter got tubes put in her ears & will be spending weekend with his son in Colorado for son’s birthday.
- Jeff – will not be at next month’s meeting – going on a cruise.
- Nicole – best crops they have ever raised.
- Mary – daughter accepted into master’s program.
- Patti – glad things are slowing down.
- Mahlon – new grandson

Adjournment at 8:44 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht