

REGULAR SESSION

February 12, 2025

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, Gresham, Wenstrand-Larson. Absent: Franks. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present.

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

Guests present: Jake Johnson. Rural Trustees: Clint Hascall, Chad McClintock, Steve Falk, Reggie Carlson, Mike Johnson, Randy Wenstrand, Jim O'Hara, Lisa Holmes, Joe Jardon and Krista Huntsman.

A review of the 2024 fire revenues, expenses and proposed 2025 – 2026 budget, 2024 township expenses and 2024 bank transactions were presented.

Jake Johnson presented a request to put a hose on city property for sap collection. The Council approved this request.

Public hearing: Resolution 2024 – 27: Zoning Change Block 6 from C-3 to Residential. There were no written or oral comments or objections. Hearing was closed.

Approval of First reading. Motion by Ballinger, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval to waive second and third reading. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Approval to adopt ordinance change. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Public hearing: Authorization of Loan Agreement and the Issuance of not to exceed \$2,701,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes of the City of Essex. There were no written or oral comments or objections. Hearing was closed.

Approval Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly Page County Sheriff's report January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Resolution 2025 – 08: Transfer of Funds general to perpetual. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2025 – 09: Amending Chapter 92 Water Service Charges. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2025 – 10: Amending Chapter 99 Sewer Service Charges. Motion by Gresham, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2025 – 11: Amending Chapter 106 Collection fees for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Public Hearing for rate changes will be March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Date was set for Property Tax Public Hearing. It will be March 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

There will be bids for a UTV at the next meeting.

Approval of one year lawn care bid with Turf Tek with no aeration to be done this year. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of Anderson Park date requests from Essex Community Club: Saturday, April 10, Saturday, June 7, Sunday, August 17, Saturday, August 30 – Monday, September 1. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.,

Approval Anderson Park request for Sunday, July 20th for Falk Sister Homecoming event. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Bids were presented for mowing the cemetery. Accepted bid from Go Green Lawn Services LLC for \$490/mow. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Opera house discounts were discussed, and no action was taken.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Approval of consent agenda: Minutes: January 8, 2025, January 15, 2025, January 22, 2025, January 29, 2025; Treasurer's Report January 31, 2025; Abstract of Claims: January 9, 2025 – February 12, 2025. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

No update from city attorney.

City Clerk Ohnmacht informed the Council Broeckelman & Associates will be performing the 2024 Exam.

Good News:

- Jeff – things are good.
- Dennis – picked up ribs on sale.
- Nicole – basketball is over, and she took part in superintendent interviews.
- Patti – enjoyed the snow.

- Mary – cheerleaders performed at Iowa Wolves game in Des Moines at the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Calvin – had a great trip, highlight was the WWII Museum.

Adjournment at 8:17 PM. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht