

REGULAR SESSION

March 12, 2025

The Essex City Council met in regular session at the Essex Community Room at 6:30 PM. The Council first toured the city shop and the fire station. Mayor Kinney called the meeting to order and the 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 after removing Kathy Silvestre per her request as she was unable to attend. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

There were no members of the public present.

Public hearing: utility rates. There were no written or oral comments or objections. Hearing was closed.

Motion to approve the first reading of the utility rates by Wenstrand-Larson: water \$37 per month for first 2000 gallons, all over 2000 gallons \$11.00 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer \$32 for first 2000 gallons. Garbage \$25 residential, \$19 per apartment unit Town & Country Apartments and Southview Village. Business \$25 2-32 gallon cans, \$37/month per dumpster/once a week, \$55/month per dumpster twice/week, \$138/month per dumpster five/week. Rural \$82/quarter drop off. Second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of monthly Page County Sheriff's report February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

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

Approval Resolution 2025 – 12: Page County Sheriff vehicle purchase. Motion by Ballinger for Page County Sheriff to purchase 2018 Dodge Durango belonging to the City in the amount of \$22,000. This will be in exchange for law enforcement services. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2025 – 13: Transfer of Funds from Perpetual Care to General. Motion by Gresham, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

City wide garage sales date was set for May 30 & 31, 2025. City wide clean up will be June 6 & 7, 2025.

Council was presented bids for new UTVs and used. Motion by Eshelman to approve bid from Vetter's Equipment for 2018 Bobcat 3400 for \$14,100 this includes a snow plow attachment. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

The Maker's Space class from the school will be painting the downtown planters and spotlights this spring.

Approval of consent agenda: Minutes: February 12, 2025, February 19, 2025, February 26, 2025; Treasurer's Report: February 28, 2025; Abstract of Claims: February 13, 2025 – March 12, 2025. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Attorney Sorensen updated the Council on moving forward with nuisances.

Good News:

- Jeff – going to see his grandchildren.
- Patti – looking forward to spring.
- Dennis – had a good birthday.
- Mahlon – had a good health checkup.
- Nicole – baby is feeling better.
- Mary – cheerleaders are having a fundraiser dinner at Pizza Ranch.
- Calvin – granddaughter is walking.

Adjournment at 7:56 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht