

SPECIAL SESSION

July 21, 2025

The Essex City Council met in special session at Essex City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 PM. Mayor Calvin 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, Franks, Wenstrand-Larson. City Clerk Moore was also present. City attorney Mahlon Sorenson was phoned in on speaker for item 9.

Members of the public present were Tim Hill, and Kathy Silvestre.

The agenda was approved with the addition of public comments section. Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval of resending the job offer to Pierre Taylor. Motion by Eshelman, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of writing off delinquent accounts. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All

Approval of new fire department members, Jeff Hoyt, Hayleigh Lynne Connell. Motion by Gresham, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All

Approval of Lucky Wife Wine Slushies liquor license APP-222499. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All

Approval of Jim Anderson quote to tear down nuisance properties. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All

Approval of TCA sanitation to use for cleanup. Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

City attorney Sorenson stated he has received multiple petitions for dismissal of the civil case currently pending for 9/21/25 and multiple discovery requests on the same case. He is concerned about the amount of resources it will take to continue the case in its current state. He recommended dropping the case without prejudice and strongly encouraged the council to update/amend the current parking ordinance 69.05 to be clearer and more precise in its wording so it can be properly enforced. The council then voted to dismiss the civil case without prejudice. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All

Approval of requesting Shenandoah Street sweeper for street cleaning. The council agreed they want prices and will review and decide at the next regular meeting.

Public Comments, Tim was happy the council has taken the parking matter seriously and that it has continued to see it on the agenda until a solution is found. He would like to see it changed to be better detailed and more specific. Kathy would like the definition of moving clarified to a completely different spot or something along those lines because in its current wording she feels a person can just back up and pull back in the same spot and that shouldn't be allowed. She also believes that people will look for loopholes and agreed with Tim that it needs to be more specific

and detailed to make it easier to understand and enforce. Council member Eshelman then went over some of his idea to change to no overnight parking in a business district unless a residence or business w/residence. Signs and hours would be needed. Council member Wenstrand-Larson asked if permits would be needed. It was discussed that a vote would be made just to decide if the council wanted any changes made and if so, they will be presented and voted on at the regular meeting August 13th 2025. Motion by Gresham, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Adjournment at 6:32 PM. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Catherine Moore