

REGULAR SESSION

September 10, 2025

The Essex City Council met in regular session in 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 Catherine Moore and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

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

Members of the public present: Don Olson, Kathy Silvestre, Michele Welchans, Craig Almquist, Tim Hill, Mary Ohnmacht, Jerry Wageman, Tess Nelson, Zach Schulz

Public Comments: None

Approval of ECC liquor license Labor Day weekend (updated date). Motion by Franks, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Approval of ECC request for Approval of ECC requests for moving Rained out Labor Day Luau and all prior approvals to new date of Sept 13 (Fireworks, street closings for parade). Motion by Eshelman, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval of Bids for gravel, 1,000 feet at an approximate cost of \$5,700 . Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All

Approval of placing a statue provided by Rhonda Royer at library. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Franks. Ayes: All

Approval of resolution 2025-28 parking ordinance 69.05. It was requested by council that the city clerk ask other small cities our size what their parking ordinances are and have for review at next regular meeting as they are undecided on the direction we should go.

Approval of resolution 2025-29 golf cart ordinance 82.04. Motion by Gresham, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Public hearing: Selling of 529 Iowa Ave, there were no comments.

Approval resolution 2025-31 selling of 529 Iowa Ave. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Purchase proposal/resolution parcel 0126453160000 lots 42 & 43 Victory St No action will be taken they will be posted for sale once they are cleaned and ready to be sold

Approval of Street Finance Report 2024. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval of 2025 Annual Financial Report. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Approval of Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

EYS requested to address the council about EYS affairs: No one from EYS was present

Acceptance of monthly Page County Sheriff's report July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Gresham. Ayes: All

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

Zach Schulz with JEO explained lowest bids and that we had quite a few bids and had some come in within budget

2024 Water System Improvements Project: Public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost of construction: Opened at 7:41pm there were no public comments.

2024 Water System Improvements Project: Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs: Motion by Franks, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Consideration of construction bids. Motion by Gresham, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Resolution designating Low Bidder. Motion by Franks, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Resolution making award of construction contract. Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand-Larson. Ayes: All.

Kathy Silvestre thanked the council for their quick response to the sale of the property on Iowa Ave. She also was disappointed with the parking ordinance, she was told in July it would be resolved and to her there had been no action. Mary congratulated us on all the bids and that there is great progress being made and seeing this moving forward.

Approval of consent agenda. Minutes: August 13, 2025; Treasurer's Report August 31, 2025; Abstract of Claims August 14, 2025 – September 10, 2025. Motion by Wenstrand-Larson, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Sorensen updated the council stating the 657 action on Bales is going well. He also started action on 303 Brooks with holes in roof of house and garage and its pending court order to go inside and do an inspection. Bales has filed a response and we will respond.

Council updates: Nicole stating trucks will be rolling for harvest in the next couple of weeks and something needs to be moved to keep the hydrant from being hit by the elevator. Pendelton road is getting bad and they would like to have gates on both ends to close during bad weather. Mahlon will find out if its allowed.

The City Clerk updated the council on how all year end reports are done early and submitted. Nishna productions is having an open house Friday September 12, 2025

Good News:

- Jeff – Had a bad day, lost a loved one.
- Betty – Nothing
- Cathy – Daughter joined cheer
- Dennis – A1C is down
- Nicole – Figured out flasher problem on combine, it doesn't have them
- Patti – Got a new hire so she doesn't have to do two jobs
- Calvin – Cooper has convertible hair, he was made for it

Adjournment at 8:20PM. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Catherine Moore