

SPECIAL SESSION

March 25, 2026

The Essex City Council met in special session at Essex City Hall Community Room at 6:00 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. Absent: Naico None. City Clerk Moore was also present.

Members of the public present were Mary Ohnmacht, Bill and Diana Elder.

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

Mayor Kinney opened the public hearing of the proposed tax levy for the budget year 2026 – 2027. Members of the public present asked questions about why their property taxes were so high and were concerned that the new water project would raise them more. They were concerned because while they are considered in city limits, they don't use city water or sewer services. It was explained that the water project is funded by grants and USDA funding and that the 40-year loan payments will be covered by water revenues. The public hearing was closed.

Adjournment at 6:14 PM. Motion by Gresham, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Mayor Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Catherine Moore