REGULAR SESSION
November 10, 2026

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, Gresham. Absent: Franks, Naico. City Clerk Catherine Moore was also present.

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

Members of the public present: Jason Rystrom

Public Comments: None

Item 6 moved up, Jason Rystrom, Shenandoah Sanitation discussed ideas on if the city was to contract with them for trash pickup and some of the options/services they offer. It was asked that he provide a written proposal with what it would look like and some figures for consideration.

Acceptance of monthly Page County Sheriff's report October 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026. Motion by Gresham, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All

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

Approval of Pay App 6 McCarthy Trenching $80,079.75. Motion by Ballinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Mayor Kinney gave an update on EMS Services; Mike Kirsch has been appointed EMS coordinator and has been working hard on getting everything filled out and turned in and is actively working on it. Most of the paperwork has been completed and he has continued to update the mayor every few days on where they are at.

Discussion and bids reviewed for RFP 2026-01 for annual exam FY25/26, bid was opened from CP Assurance firm the only bid received, and the state auditor was also discussed. A motion to accept the bid from CP Assurance page 15 amounts for annual exam FY25/26 by Balinger, second by Eshelman. Ayes: All.

Discussion about Anderson Park mulch project, it was brough to council that there is a $50,000 donation for this project and approval is needed to move forward with getting bids not to exceed 50k to see how much this will complete or possibly finish it. Motion by Gresham, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Discussion about adding 2 permanent flagpoles to the cemetery, one by each wall. The city will be receiving a donation of $1,000 towards this and would like to move forward with getting bids to complete this project at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Motion by Ballinger, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Approval of consent agenda. Minutes: October 14, 2026; Treasurer's Report October 31, 2026; Abstract of Claims October 15, 2026 – November 10, 2026. Motion by Eshelman, second by Ballinger. Ayes: All.

Attorney updates will now be a letter sent each month unless there is a pressing need for our attorney to attend the meeting. Attorney updated on the legal status of each nuisance property and cases she is currently working on, all matters are in the attorney's hands and will proceed as previously advised.

The City Clerk updated the council that she will be attending budget training on Thursday in Red Oak.

Mayor Kinney updated on complaints received and letters sent out, and where the water project is at, and other calls he has received.

Good News:

- Cathy – Thankful for the Veterans and their service!
- Dennis – Brought treats!
- Patti – Is upright!
- Calvin –Thankful for working with wonderful people!

Adjournment at 8:42PM. Motion by Eshelman, second by Gresham. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Calvin L. Kinney

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Catherine Moore