

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2010, 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on February 9, 2010 to order at 7:00 PM.

City Clerk, Sarah Wilcox, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Barrow, Chavalia, Connelly, Link, Rehmus and Tanner.

ABSENT: Mantei

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Barrow:

Resolved the agenda be approved as amended: Under New Business there shall be item d added in order to discuss moving the April meeting date.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rehmus, Chavalia:

Resolved; the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

- A. Resolved; the minutes as prepared by the City Clerk of the City Council’s January 12, 2010 regular meeting are approved.**
- B. Resolved; Ordinance No. 2010-1 “An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Essexville by Adding a New Section Which New Section Shall be designated as Section 15.6 of Article 15 of Said Zoning Ordinance”, which was first introduced and read at the January 12, 2010 regular meeting of the City Council is hereby adopted as an ordinance of the City of Essexville.**
- C. Resolved; Ordinance No. 2010-2 An Ordinance to Amend The Code of the City of Essexville by Adding a New Chapter Which New Chapter Shall be Designated as Chapter 14 of Title VIII of Said Code”, which was first introduced and read at the January 12, 2010 regular meeting of the City Council is hereby adopted as an ordinance of the City of Essexville.**
- D. Resolved; Ordinance No. 2010-3 “An Ordinance to Amend The Code of the City of Essexville by Adding a New Section Which New Section Shall be Designated as Section 9.503a of Chapter 5 of Title IX of Said Code”, which was first introduced and read at the January 12, 2010 regular meeting of the City Council is hereby adopted as an ordinance of the City of Essexville.**

YES: Rehmus, Chavalia, Barrow, Connelly, Link, Tanner

ABSENT: Mantei

Motion Carried

CITIZEN INPUT

Tom Bleau, 1102 Woodside Avenue, brought up his request to see a manger scene displayed in front of City Hall during the holiday season.

The Mayor asked if any citizens wished to address the Council, hearing none, he continued with the agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Krygier, County Commissioner, was not in attendance, and therefore no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chavalía, Rehmus:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 22 through 23 totaling \$172,469.48 and payroll voucher 24 totaling \$71,123.98 for a grand total of \$243,593.46 paid as stated.

YES: Chavalía, Rehmus, Barrow, Connelly, Link, Tanner

ABSENT: Mantei

Motion Carried

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilman Chavalía had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilman Barrow had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Mantei was absent and therefore had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Connelly deferred the report to Councilman Rehmus who spoke about the gas tax increasing by eight cents and the State of Michigan receiving even less of that money back from the Federal Government, which helps fund road improvements.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilman Link had no report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Rehmus had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Connelly reported there was not a Planning Commission meeting in January and therefore no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilman Chavalía reported that American Gourmet was approved to sell their products at Cracker Barrel Restaurants nationwide. The DDA will be working on the 5 year action plan, marketing the downtown and trying to fill vacant buildings in the downtown area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor had no report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney had no report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager reported on his miscellaneous communication to the City Council. **Water Issues.** Nothing new to report. **Storm Water Authority:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010. **Problem Properties:** Nothing new to report. **Woodside Avenue Redevelopment Project:** The Essexville Post Office is up for sale by the present owner who leases the property to the United States Postal Service ("USPS"). The USPS lease is up in 2012. **NPDES Permit:** There are 19 plan holders interested in bidding on the WWTP project. The improvements to the West Bay County Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant are coming back 13% under Engineers estimates. The City Council may need to schedule a special meeting in March to adopt another bond resolution in order to close on the loan with USDA. **Industrial Development Projects** Nothing new to report. **Financial/Strategic Planning** Nothing new to report. **Other Reports and Matters:** Smith Park will not be accessible for most of the summer due to construction relating to the WWTP project. The DPW intends to shut down Smith Park before people start using it and will make the Main Street boat launch as usable as possible. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Sunday, March 21; staff will take care of the details and let the Council know the location and time they should arrive in order to ride in the parade on the City's fire truck. The annual Garber High School musical production this year is Annie. Any Council members interested in contributing money for the production are encouraged to do so after the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT.

Barrow, Connelly:

Resolved; that the City Council adopts the "Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact" dated February 9, 2010 and recommended for adoption by the City Manager and the Director of Public Safety.

YES: Barrow, Connelly, Chavalía, Link, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BORTON AVENUE PROJECT.

Link, Chavalía:

Resolved; the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation, referenced as state contract number 10-5048, to receive federal funding for improvements to Borton Avenue from Caroline Street to Scheurmann Street.

YES: Link, Chavalía, Barrow, Connelly, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULES.

Link, Connelly:

Resolved; the City Council hereby adopts as its policy for records retention and disposal, the State of Michigan's record retention schedules numbered 8, 11, 18, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31 and 32 as amended from time to time by the State of Michigan.

YES: Link, Connelly, Barrow, Chavalia, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REVIEW

Chavalia, Barrow:

Resolved; that the City Council appoints Tom Ames, who resides at 2000 Tackle Street in Essexville, to the Board of Review to fill the remainder of Charles McMartin's term which expires at 11:59 a.m. on January 1, 2011.

YES: Chavalia, Barrow, Connelly, Link, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING THE REGULAR MEETING DATE IN APRIL

Connelly, Link:

Resolved that the City Council change its regular meeting date in April from Tuesday, April 13, 2010 to Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

YES: Connelly, Link, Chavalia, Rehmus, Tanner

NO: Barrow

ABSENT: Mantei

Motion Carried

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Miscellaneous Informational Communications were received for the Council's review.

CITIZEN INPUT

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ADJOURNMENT

Connelly, Rehmus:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

ABSENT: Mantei

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
