

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on February 11, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Sergeant Michael Schartow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jennifer Gradowski, John Kustuch, Thomas Rehmus, Scott Wittbrodt and Mayor Russell Tanner.

ABSENT: Robert Mantei, Timothy Weiler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Gradowski:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its January 14, 2014 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its February 11, 2014 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved, the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2014 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- C. Resolved, the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Essexville/Hampton Public School District for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2014 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- D. Resolved, the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with Delta College for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2014 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- E. Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the "Annual Report of the City of Essexville Planning Commission for the year 2013".**

YES: Kustuch, Rehmus, Gradowski, Wittbrodt, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Thomas Rehmus, 611 Third Street

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Mike Lutz, County Commissioner, was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Wittbrodt:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 45 through 46 totaling \$ 518,931.00 and payroll voucher 47 through 50 totaling \$65,610.73 for a grand total of \$ 584,541.73 paid as stated.

YES: Gradowski, Wittbrodt, Kustuch, Rehmus, Gradowski Motion Carried
ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR A LIEUTENANT POSITION IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved; that the City Council of Essexville hereby approves the creation of Lieutenant in the command structure of the Essexville Public Safety Department and authorizes the Public Safety Director and City Manager to facilitate this position.

YES: Kustuch, Rehmus, Gradowski, Wittbrodt, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

Councilmember Rehmus discussed the City Manager Evaluation that is scheduled for the March Regular City Council Meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus commented that Ann Arbor issued 500 ordinance violations for not shoveling sidewalks.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report. City Manager Hansford informed the Council that the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club would like to coordinate their free ice cream day with Kids Fest.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Weiler had no report. City Manager Hansford stated that the next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Wittbrodt volunteered to fill in for Councilmember Weiler at the meeting.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Tanner filled in for Councilmember Mantei at the DDA Meeting. Mayor Tanner reported that the Board discussed M & M Seamless Gutters buying and constructing two buildings on the City property located at 1307 Woodside Avenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported that he was asked to give the Pledge of Allegiance at the Wild Game Dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Pergande commented on the need for local government.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hansford reported the new Sensus water meters that will be replacing the old copper water meters, Garber High School Play Sponsorship for the Spring Musical, the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club hosting a Texas Hold 'Em tournament, Tag Days and the Lions purchasing new grills for Smith Park, the public safety activity report for December 22 to January 22nd and the Woodside mill and fill project.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BAY COUNTY MASTER RECREATION PLAN FOR 2014-2018

Rehmus, Gradowski:

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fifteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Garfield Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Mount Forest Township, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2014 and 2018 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from September 30, 2013 through October 25, 2013, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Essexville, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from December 22, 2013 through January 21, 2014, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and on line at the Bay County web site, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 21, 2014, at 4:30 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Essexville Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County and Essexville have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Essexville City Council voted to adopt said recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Essexville City Council adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Essexville.

YES: Rehmus, Gradowski, Kustuch, Wittbrodt, Tanner Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CONTRACT CHANGE IN THE UTILITY CHARGE CONTRACT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY. THE CHANGE REFLECTS THE LOWER BILLING RATE THAT OCCURRED WHEN ALL THE STREET LIGHTS WERE CONVERTED TO LOWER CONSUMPTION FIXTURES.

Gradowski, Wittbrodt;

Resolved, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the city of Essexville, dated March 1, 2011, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract dated as of August 14, 2012, heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council; and

Resolved, further that the City Clerk be authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City.

YES: Gradowski, Wittbrodt, Kustuch, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING 2006 FORD EXPEDITION PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF IT USING THE SEALED BID PROCESS. A MINIMUM BID OF \$5000.00 WILL BE ASKED AND IT IS BEING SOLD "AS IS" BECAUSE OF SOME ENGINE ISSUES.

Kustuch, Gradowski;

Resolved; the City Council hereby declares the 2006 Ford Expedition Public Safety Department vehicle surplus and authorizes the City Manager to dispose of the surplus vehicle through a sealed bid process with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars).

YES: Kustuch, Gradowski, Rehmus, Wittbrodt, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Russell Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Wittbrodt:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
