

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Russell Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on March 18, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Robert Mantei led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Gradowski:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Rehmus, Mantei:

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 amendments recommended by the City Manager to be made to previously approved appropriations within the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget, as set forth in his communication to the City Council on this subject dated March 6, 2014 are authorized.**

Sewer Fund

Sewer System-Op Supplies\$ 84,500

	\$ 84,500	\$ 84,500
Fund Totals	\$ 84,500	\$ 84,500

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Mike Lutz, County Commissioner, reported that the Board had been busy on an LGBT Ordinance issue, and that the County hired a new corporate council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kustuch, Weiler:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 51 through 52 totaling \$ 243,601.46 and payroll voucher 53 through 57 totaling \$83,556.26 for a grand total of \$ 327,157.72 paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Mantei reported that the committee met to discuss the definition of “family” in the zoning ordinance and is recommending that the City Council requests the Planning Commission meet to change the definition “Family” in the zoning ordinance.

RESOLUTION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR “FAMILY” DEFINITION CHANGE

Mantei, Kustuch:

Resolved; the Essexville Planning Commission is hereby requested to review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding changes to the City Zoning Ordinance regarding the definition of the term “Family”.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report, but asked the Council their thoughts on having Kids Fest every other year because of the amount of work it involves. She also asked the Council for suggestions on a small event that could take place on Kids Fest off years.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Wittbrodt attended the planning commission meeting for Councilmember Weiler and reported that the commission reviewed the draw up of the proposed building sites for M & M Seamless Gutter.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported that he attended the Planning Commission meeting. He and Councilmember Rehmus were in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade representing the City of Essexville.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Pergande commented on donation boxes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hansford reported that Rowe engineering is doing a traffic study of the need for a traffic signal at the entrance to Garber High School. They started pouring the footings today for the new Regional Water Plant, updated the Council on the water meter update discussed Miss Lore's parking problem on Third Street and the water true up.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE SEWER REPAIR AND MAINTAINENCE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REMOTE WATER METER TRANSMITTER SYSTEM.

Rehmus, Wittbrodt;

Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to proceed with the purchase and installation of the above described Remote Water Meter Reader System.

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

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WINTER ROAD SALT 2014/2015 SEASON

Gradowski, Kustuch;

Resolved; based on the City Manager finding no advantage to the City to seek competitive bids for the purchase of winter maintenance road salt, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment to purchase road salt through the State of Michigan 's Extended Purchasing Program to be used for the City's winter street maintenance.

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

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2014-1 amending the "Housing Code" and "Health Regulations" of the City Code.

Tabled until April 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN THE MDOT CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF WOODSIDE AVENUE BETWEEN PINE STREET AND SCHEURMANN AVENUE.

Kustuch, Gradowski;

Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the MDOT Project STP 1409(008) and Job Number 120144 project contract with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

ABSENT: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Mike Lutz, 1704 Borton Avenue
- Scott Wittbrodt, 400 Valerie Court
- Sarah Wilcox, 1107 Woodside Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rehmus, Gradowski:

Resolved; the City Council meet in closed session to discuss the City Manager's evaluation. As permitted by MCLA 15.268(e) and applicable law for the reason that discussion of this topic in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

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

ABSENT: None

The Council entered the Executive Session at 8:38 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 9:21 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Weiler:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
