

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2014 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on July 15, 2014 to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Tanner 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, Scott Wittbrodt and Russell Tanner.

ABSENT: Timothy Weiler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Rehmus, Mantei:

**Resolved the agenda be approved as written.**

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kustuch, Rehmus:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its June 10, 2014 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its July 15, 2014 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the “Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2014” prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council’s Investment Policy.**
- C. 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 July 10, 2014 are authorized.**

**General Fund**

City Council	\$ 2,000	
Treasurer	\$ 1,000	
City Hall	\$ 1,000	
Public Safe-Police Division		\$ 2,000
Zoning/Code Enforcement	\$ 2,000	
Fund Totals	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000

**Major Street Fund**

Traffic Services	\$ 2,000	
Storm Drainage	\$ 2,000	
Fund Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

**Local Street Fund**

Storm Drainage	\$ 1,800
Maintenance	\$ 3,500

Sidewalk Replacement		\$ 3,500
Winter Maintenance	\$ 1,800	
Fund Totals	<u>\$ 5,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,300</u>

**Water Fund**

Capitol Project	\$ 15,500	
Administrative		\$ 11,500
Water System		\$ 4,000
Fund Totals	<u>\$ 15,500</u>	<u>\$ 15,500</u>

**Motor Vehicle Fund**

Insurance	\$ 2,900	
Capital Projects		\$ 2,900
Fund Totals	<u>\$ 2,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,900</u>

- D. Resolved, pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jim Hages (2203 Borton Avenue) to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term effective July 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014.**
- E. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's appointment of Kristyn Sherman to the Downtown Development Authority to a four year term effective July 15, 2014 through December 31, 2015.**

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

Motion Carried

**CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Lutz, County Commissioner, was in attendance and updated the Council on the following items:

- New County Commissioner
- Golf course improvement/repair
- Summer improvement plans for the State Park
- He also took questions from the Council members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****FINANCE COMMITTEE****PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mantei, Rehmus:

**Resolved; that expense vouchers 1 through 2 totaling \$250,977.11 and payroll voucher 3 through 7 totaling \$79,489.23 for a grand total of \$330,466.34 paid as stated.**

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

Motion Carried

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

**MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Rehmus reported on the progress of the Woodside Avenue Paving Project.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski is looking at either September 27, 2014 or October 4, 2014 for the bike parade. She is expecting at least two great ideas for the bike parade from each Council member at the next City Council Meeting in August.

**UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

No Meeting/No Report

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

No Meeting/No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tanner reported on the following items:

- City Hall Staff is taking nominations for the Curb Appeal Award, judging will be the last week in July.
- He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Discover Preserve – formerly known as Euclid Linear Park.
- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Gradowski for filling in for him while he was on vacation.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Pergande reported on PROTEC an association of Michigan townships and cities that protects the rights of municipalities regarding right of ways. He also mentioned that the Legislative Committee needs to meet regarding an ordinance revision pertaining to handicap ramps. The Legislative Committee decided to meet on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager, Dan Hansford, updated the Council on the following items:

- Legal contract for Wirt Properties petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal
- Woodside Avenue paving project
- Accepted questions from the Council

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALLAHAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION REGARDING A PETITION FILED BY WIRT ESSEXVILLE PROPERTIES, LLC TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL.

Mantei, Gradowski:

**Resolved, the City Council authorizes the City Manager, to execute the agreement with Hallahan & Associates, P.C. for representation in the matter of Wirt Essexville Properties vs City of Essexville at the Michigan Tax Tribunal under the terms of the Engagement Letter dated July 2, 2014 by and between the firm of Hallahan & Associates, P.C. of 1750 S. Telegraph Road, Suite 202, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.**

YES: Mantei, Gradowski, Kustuch, Rehmus, Wittbrodt, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM FEMA FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TURN OUT GEAR.

Kustuch, Gradowski:

**Resolved, the City Council authorizes the City Manager, to execute the agreement with FEMA and accept this grant for the amount of \$38,171.00. (Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy One Dollars) for the specific purpose of purchasing new Turn Out Gear for the Essexville Fire Department.**

YES: Kustuch, Gradowski, Mantei, Rehmus, Wittbrodt, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

## **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Robert Mantei, 406 Main Street  
Russell Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue  
Thomas Rehmus, 611 Third Street  
Scott Wittbrodt, 400 Valerie Court

The Council discussed and decided to move the Tuesday, August 12, 2014 regular City Council meeting to Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Rehmus, Gradowski:

**Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.**

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Russell Tanner  
Mayor

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Sarah Wilcox  
City Clerk

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