

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on October 14, 2014 to order at 7:00 PM.

City Attorney, Jerry Pergande 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 Russell Tanner.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved the agenda be approved as corrected, there was a typo in item a.: the council is approving the minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular meeting instead of September 19, 2014.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mantei, Weiler:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its September 9, 2014 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its October 14, 2014 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the "Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2014" prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council's Investment Policy.**
- C. Resolved; the City Council hereby establishes 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014 as the recommended time for Halloween trick or treat activities in the City of Essexville.**
- D. Resolved; the Essexville City Council hereby casts its ballot for Jason Eppler (City Manager, City of Ionia), Sue Osborn (Mayor, City of Fenton), and David Post (Village Manager, Village of Hillman) each to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool such term beginning January 1, 2015.**

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION HONORING AL HUGO FOR HIS YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AS BUILDING INSPECTOR

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; the City Council hereby recognizes Alan C. Hugo as a dedicated City employee and desires to show its appreciation and thanks for his many years of community service.

YES: Unanimous
 ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Lutz, County Commissioner, reported that the proposed budget was presented to the board, the last series of bonds were passed for the regional water plant, and they are just waiting on approval from the Corp of Engineers to begin the water front improvement's at State Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Rehmus:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 20 through 21 totaling \$365,123.40 and payroll voucher 22 through 26 totaling \$83,808.24 for a grand total of \$448,931.64 paid as stated.

YES: Gradowski, Rehmus, Kustuch, Mantei, Weiler, Wittbrodt, Tanner Motion Carried
 ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei reported the committee met prior to tonight's City Council Meeting regarding the trash rewrite of the City Code, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei anticipates the committee will have a meeting when the engineering is done at Smith Park. City Manager Hansford reported that the construction drawings and bid package are done, and we are waiting on approval from the DEQ.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus reported that at this time senior housing is one of the fastest growing commercial construction projects. The city may want to look into a private developer to construct a senior housing complex on the city owned Woodside property.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Bike Parade Debriefing

Councilmember Gradowski gave a presentation on the bike parade that was held on Saturday, September 27th. She thanked the councilmembers that helped with the event and also thanked Essexville-Hampton Lion members Diane and Chris Yearkey, who were in attendance at the meeting, for their help. She asked that they extend the gratitude to the rest of the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club for their generous donation that supported the event and for hosting the ice cream social after the parade.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Weiler had no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported on the following items:

- He attended the Town Hall meeting on Protecting Our Great Lakes on October 6th, held at the Pere Marquette Depot.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Pergande reported that there will be another amendment to the city code for the November City Council Meeting. The reason is to change the definition of "outlawed" in the city code.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Employee Health Insurance.
- The November City Council Meeting will be on Monday, November 17, and it will also be picture day for the Council.
- The Public Safety Department had 274 police calls, 53 fire calls 21 arrests and wrote 27 traffic tickets for the months of September and October.
- Chief Hages is going to have volunteer Fire Fighters located in the Essexville church parking lots for Halloween to pass out candy and safety devices between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- The City has been offered an opportunity to acquire over 7 acres of property located at the end of Saline Street to the north.
- He commended Chief Hages, volunteer fire fighters, and Public Safety Officers who worked the benefit breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall on September 14th. The Fire department Equipment Fund received \$1800 in proceeds from the breakfast and the Knights of Columbus donated another \$500 for a total of \$2300. A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 8:31 P.M.

In attendance:

- Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:32 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN ZONING DISTRICTS.

Wittbrodt, Rehmus:

Resolved; in consideration of a recommendation by the Planning Commission, input received at a public hearing held by the City Council at its October 14, 2014 regular meeting and based on its own finding; proposed Ordinance No. 2014-4 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.8 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE BY THE ADDITION AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS, TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN ZONING DISTRICTS CREATED IN ARTICLES 7, 8, AND 9, AND TO REGULATE CERTAIN GENERAL USES BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 4.4 TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE" is hereby first introduced, considered and adopted as an ordinance of the City, subject to final consideration and action by the City Council at a later meeting.

YES: Wittbrodt, Rehmus, Gradowski, Kustuch, Mantei, Weiler, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWING THE “OPT-OUT OF P.A. 152 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved; That the City of Essexville by 2/3 vote of its governing body does hereby exercise its option to exempt itself for the next succeeding year from the provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 as provided under Section 8(1) of the Act.

YES: Kustuch, Rehmus, Gradowski, Mantei, Weiler, Wittbrodt, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRASH ORDINANCE OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE.

Mantei, Rehmus:

Resolved; proposed Ordinance No. 2014-5 “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE IX (ENTITLED “TRASH PICKUP”) AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE II (ENTITLED “GARBAGE AND REFUSE PICKUP”) BY REPEALING CERTAIN OF ITS SECTIONS, ADDING NEW SECTIONS, AND BY AMENDING OTHER SECTIONS OF SAID CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE” is hereby first introduced, considered and adopted as an ordinance of the City, subject to final consideration and action by the City Council at a later meeting.

YES: Mantei, Rehmus, Gradowski, Kustuch, Weiler, Wittbrodt, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

All members of the City Council, City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk donated money to support the 2014 Garber High School fall play.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff
- Tom Rehmus, 611 Third

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Kustuch:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Motion Carried

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
