

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on January 13, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Safety Chief, Daniel Hages led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Kustuch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Weiler:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch

CONSENT AGENDA

Rehmus, Mantei:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its December 9, 2014 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its January 13, 2015 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the "Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2014" prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council's Investment Policy.**
- C. Resolved; pursuant to applicable law and its own policy, the City Council authorizes the Board of Review for the City of Essexville to consider and grant, where appropriate, requests for exemptions from taxation of real property for homesteads of persons in poverty based on the 2015 federal income and poverty guidelines.**
- D. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's reappointment of Judy Hansford and Roger Rosebush to the Downtown Development Authority to a four year term effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.**
- E. Resolved; pursuant to the City code and State law, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of John Connelly and Kate Charron to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.**
- F. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's reappointment of William Hydorn, Dennis Rondeau, and Jack Covio to the Board of Review to a two year term effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.**

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

ABSENT: Kustuch

PRESENTATION

The Essexville Knights of Columbus Council #2740 were presented with the 2015 Quinten E. Cramer Citizen of the Year Award.

Daniel Hages, Chief of Public Safety was in attendance to discuss Public Safety Department procedures.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Robert Mantei, 406 Main Street

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Lutz, County Commissioner, updated the Council on Bay County happenings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Wittbrodt:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 39 through 40 totaling \$150,553.43 and payroll voucher 41 through 45 totaling \$89,496.05 for a grand total of \$240,049.48 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Weiler 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 had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the citizen of the year committee met to discuss revising the award guidelines.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wittbrodt reported the committee met on December 15, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the decrease in sewer revenue.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RATE SCHEDULE FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICES

Wittbrodt, Rehmus;

Resolved; based on the City Manager's assessment of the present and future revenue requirements for the sewer utility and pursuant to section 2.404 of the City Code the City Council hereby establishes a sewer rate effective with the quarterly utility bills due and payable on February 20, 2015 which shall include a readiness to serve charge in the amount of \$20.00 per month per residential equivalency unit and a commodity charge in the amount of \$6.00 per one hundred cubic feet of sewer usage to be charged to all sewer customers of the City of Essexville.

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

Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Weiler had no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported he attended the Utility and Special Committee meeting and the bid opening for Smith Park. The snow sculpture contest will be judged on February 19, weather permitting. He reminded the Council about the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March and invited them to participate.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported an increase in driving with suspended license offenses in the City. He also commented on an article in Michigan Municipal League magazine "The Review".

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Fisher Engineering was the low bid for the Smith Park project
- Congratulations to Fran DeWyse, City Treasurer, on passing her state exam and is now a State of Michigan licensed assessor
- City Sewer Services was contracted to clean the CSO basin at the Main Pump Station.
- Great job to Randy Keister, our DPW mechanic, for rebuilding the surplus Lincoln welder we acquired from Hampton Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW CONSTRUCTION BID FOR THE SMITH PARK WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; The Essexville City Council hereby recognizes that Fisher Contracting Company of 3401 Contractor Drive, Midland, Michigan is a duly qualified licensed contractor that submitted the apparent low bid for Project 201142, Smith Park Waterfront Improvements, of \$347,347.00. (Three hundred forty seven thousand three hundred forty seven dollars).

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Russell Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
