

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on March 17, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Scott Wittbrodt 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 Mayor Russell Tanner.

ABSENT: Timothy Weiler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Wittbrodt:

Resolved the agenda be approved as corrected, with the deletion of item b. under new business.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Rehmus, Mantei:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its February 17, 2015 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its March 17, 2015 regular meeting.**
- B. 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: Rehmus, Mantei, Gradowski, Kustuch, Mantei, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

PRESENTATION

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 53 through 54 totaling \$156,461.87 and payroll voucher 55 through 58 totaling \$73,933.71 for a grand total of \$230,395.58 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Weiler was not in attendance. There was no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wittbrodt reported the committee met on February 25, 2015 to discuss the city managers annual evaluation.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported she met with the city manager to discuss honoring Terry McDermott.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wittbrodt had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Wittbrodt attended the planning commission meeting on February 23, 2015 in place of Councilmember Weiler. He reported the commission discussed the progress of the Smith Park and new regional water plant projects.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported that he attended the municipal relations committee meeting, planning commission meeting and a meeting with the Smith Park contractor. He and a couple other councilmembers participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, also reminded the council of the upcoming Garber High School Play.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on his findings and opinion regarding council meeting attendance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Bay City Water true up
- New Regional Water Plant progress
- Public Safety Department report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATES INCREASING SALES TAX FROM 6% TO 7%

Rehmus, Kustuch:

YES: Rehmus, Kustuch

NO: Gradowski, Mantei, Wittbrodt, Tanner

ABSENT: Weiler

Motion Was Not Approved

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Russ Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wittbrodt, Gradowski:

Resolved, the City Council meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the City Manager's annual performance evaluation pursuant to the City Manager's written request to have this matter discussed in closed session and as permitted by MCLA 15.268(a) and applicable law.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:32 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
