

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on January 12, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Kustuch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Wittbrodt:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSENT AGENDA

Wittbrodt, Kustuch:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its December 8, 2015 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its January 12, 2016 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the “Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2015” prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council’s Investment Policy.**
- C. Resolved; Ordinance No. 2015-5 “entitled “Power to Provide for and Order Care, Preservation, and Removal of Trees, Plants, and Shrubby on Public and Private Property.”) TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE III (ENTITLED “TREES AND GRASS”) OF SAID CODE is hereby, at this second reading, adopted.**

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

ABSENT: Mantei

PRESENTATION

The Essexville-Hampton Lions Club was presented with the 2016 Quinten E. Cramer Citizen of the Year Award.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Russ Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue

Jim Buda, 1021 Woodside Avenue

COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Wittbrodt:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 38 through 39 totaling \$205,207.68 and payroll voucher 40 through 44 totaling \$99,494.30 for a grand total of \$305,156.98 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus commented that he noticed a number of main sidewalks have not been cleared of snow by homeowners. Councilmember Wittbrodt would like the committee to meet to review the solicitor's ordinance.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wittbrodt reported that the committee will meet regarding the City Manager's evaluation on February 8th at 4:30 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Weiler reported the committee met on December 15 at 9:00 a.m. and discussed the following topics: Smith Park signs, rail trail connection to Hampton Township and Bay City, Hughes School Park, Kayak launch.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Weiler commented on the importance of snowplowed streets, and what a nice the Department of Public Works is doing keeping the streets plowed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch reported what he found out regarding Canadian Cities providing snow removal for elderly residents.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Weiler had no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Manager Hansford reported for Councilmember Mantei: Al Clemons has retired and sold his State Farm Insurance business to Tom Jacobs, who is now a member of the DDA. Roger Rosebush was elected the new Chairperson of the Board.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tanner reported he attended the DDA and Parks and Recreation Committee meetings.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on panhandling and easements for the water project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Snowblowing/Shoveling into the street by residents is not acceptable
- Water project
- Water main replacement on Nebobish Avenue from Burns to Pine Street

- Flint water crisis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 1988 CHEVROLET 2 TON CHIPPER TRUCK AS SURPLUS.

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to dispose of the surplus vehicle through a sealed bid process with the funds received being added to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITIZENS INPUT INSTRUCTION.

Wittbrodt, Kustuch:

Resolved; the City Council hereby approves the changes made to the Citizen Input Instructions.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING THE OLD PRINTING, COPYING AND FAX EQUIPMENT SURPLUS.

Wittbrodt, Weiler:

Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to dispose of the surplus office equipment and remove same from City inventory.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING THE MARCH 2016 MEETING DATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Kustuch, Wittbrodt:

Resolved, the City Council hereby reschedules the March City Council meeting date from Tuesday, March 8 to Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Lois Walraven, 1908 Woodside Avenue

Marie Crete, 2105 Woodside Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council exited out of the meeting at 8:21 and took a small break.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

Rehmus, Wittbrodt:

Resolved, the City Council meet in closed session to discuss a confidential opinion of the City Attorney as permitted by MCLA 15.268(a) and applicable law.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:48 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
