

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2017 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on August 8, 2017 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Robert Mantei led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jennifer Gradowski, John Kustuch, Robert Mantei, Dennis Rondeau, Timothy Weiler and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: Russell Tanner

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Kustuch, Rondeau:

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

YES: Kustuch, Rondeau, Gradowski, Mantei, Weiler, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kustuch, Mantei:

**A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its July 11, 2017 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its August 8, 2017 regular meeting.**

**B. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's appointment Michael Bergen to the Board of Review to a partial term effective immediately through December 31, 2018.**

**C. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's appointment of June Weiler to the Planning Commission for a partial term effective immediately through December 31, 2017.**

YES: Kustuch, Mantei, Gradowski, Rondeau, Weiler, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

**CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Rich Durkee, 2001 Garside Drive

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Mantei:

**Resolved; that expense vouchers 7 through 8 totaling \$56,616.62 and payroll voucher 9 through 15 totaling \$76,702.84 for a grand total of \$133,319.46 paid as stated.**

YES: Gradowski, Mantei, Kustuch, Rondeau, Weiler, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Kustuch reported that the committee met after the July city council meeting to discuss the sign ordinance which will be discussed later under new business.

**MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski reported the Smith Park river shoreline cleanup is behind schedule due to the elevated water levels.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski, had no report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski reported on Kid's Safety Fest and the Sesquicentennial.

**UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was not a meeting, but there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

There was not a meeting, but there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 at 8:00 a.m.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- He updated the council on the renovations to the Marathon station.
- He attended the legislative committee meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 after the city council meeting. He thanked Councilmember Tanner, Councilmember Kustuch, City Attorney Pergande and City Manager Hansford for all their work on the sign ordinance.
- He received a phone call from the resident at 408 Hart Street telling him how impressed she is with the work done by the city's Department of Public Works.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Pergande reported on the following:

- New state statute passed on street solicitors
- Legislative committee needs to meet to discuss a street solicitor ordinance. The committee decided to meet after the September city council meeting.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- S.A.W. Grant
- Evaluation of insurance programs for city hall staff and retirees
- Keith Wetters, 208 Hart Street, submitted his petition to run for City Council on the November ballot
- The finance committee will need to meet to discuss financing a replacement fire truck
- Water line project
- Update on work being done by the Department of Public Works around the city.
- Public Safety blitz on speeders
- Ricky Rivard will be undergoing shoulder surgery August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED "SIGNS LOCATED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES".

Gradowski, Mantei:

**Resolved; Ordinance No. 2017-4 repeals CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE V (ENTITLED "ZONING, SIGNS") and includes a new CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE V (ENTITLED "Signs Located on Residential Properties.") OF SAID CODE is hereby first introduced, considered and adopted as an ordinance of the CITY OF ESSEXVILLE subject to final consideration and action by the CITY COUNCIL at a later meeting.**

YES: Gradowski, Mantei, Kustuch, Rondeau, Weiler, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE EXISTING CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE V OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BEING MOVED TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mantei, Kustuch:

**Resolved: That the City Council hereby requests that the City Planning Commission review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding presently existing Chapter 3 of Title V of the City Code of Ordinances as to the appropriateness of said Chapter being moved to become part of City Zoning Ordinance Section 15.4 and if its contents should be revised.**

YES: Mantei, Kustuch, Gradowski, Rondeau, Weiler, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THE TERMS FROM FELIS & VANDENBRINK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OR \$1.4 MILLION DOLLAR S.A.W. GRANT.

Gradowski, Weiler:

**Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept and sign the contract between Fleis & Vandenbrink for the administration of the above Grant.**

YES: Gradowski, Weiler, Kustuch, Mantei, Rondeau, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

**INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kustuch, Mantei:

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

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Tanner

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Scott Wittbrodt  
Mayor

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Sarah J. Wilcox  
City Clerk

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