

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on February 14, 2017 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember John Kustuch, 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, Russell Tanner and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: Timothy Weiler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Kustuch:

Resolved the agenda be approved as corrected, item a. Approval of Minutes was moved under New Business item b.

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

ABSENT: Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Kustuch, Rehmus:

Resolved; the consent agenda be approved as amended by the agenda.

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

ABSENT: Weiler

PRESENTATIONS

The Dennis Rondeau was presented with the 2017 Quinten E. Cramer Citizen of the Year Award.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Tracy Desjarlais, 1308 Mercer

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Tanner, Kustuch:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 50 through 51 totaling \$171,727.10 and payroll voucher 52 through 56 totaling \$88,072.94 for a grand total of \$259,800.04 paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus reported on ordinance 2017-1 and marijuana distribution.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Tanner had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus reported on gas prices and funding to fix the roads.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported on the Citizen of the Year Award and Curb Appeal Award.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch reported that the Bay County Road Commission informational meeting was well attended by a majority of the City Council.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Tanner reported that he attended the meeting for Councilmember Weiler. The Commission discussed the water transmission system and Ordinance 2017-1.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the following events and meetings:
 - Attended the Bay County Probate Court Judge Jan Miner investiture ceremony
 - Attended the Public Relations Committee meeting
 - Attended the Legislative Committee meeting
 - Attended the SVSU Martin Luther King celebration featuring Eric Holder as speaker
 - Attended the Great Lakes Hispanic Leadership Institute honorees dinner at SVSU
 - Be Cool has moved to the old Stalker building
 - Reminder the April meeting date was changed to April 18th
 - City Council is signed up to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on the following:

- Scheduling of a Legislative Committee meeting. The Legislative Committee decided to meet on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- Littering of newspapers
- Air BNB

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Water line project bidding
- Salt inventory
- Be Cool
- Manufacturing of marijuana and operation of "Grow Facilities" ordinances
- Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy
- Garber Play
- Bay City water true up

- Water Project Update

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY

CODE BY REPEALING A SUBSECTION AND SECTION OF CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE IX ENTITLED "ANIMAL REGULATIONS".

Rehmus, Kustuch:

Resolved; Ordinance No. 2017-1 "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 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: Rehmus, Kustuch, Gradowski, Mantei, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK OF THE JANUARY 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING.

Mantei, Gradowski:

Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes as corrected of its January 10, 2017 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its February 14, 2017 regular meeting.

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

ABSENT: Weiler

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff
- Tracy Desjarlais, 1308 Mercer
- Robert Mantei, 406 Main
- John Kustuch, 302 Scheurmann

The Council discussed hiring a new Public Safety Officer. No motions were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:52 PM.

Rehmus, 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: Rehmus, Gradowski, Kustuch, Mantei, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried
ABSENT: Weiler
The Council exited Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING A ONE TIME BONUS TO THE CITY MANAGER.
Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that the City Manager receive a one-time bonus in the amount of \$1,200 effective immediately as a result of the City Manager’s annual performance evaluation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote Motion Carried
ABSENT: Weiler
The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
