

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on March 13, 2018 to order at 7:00 PM.

Robert Mantei, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jennifer Gradowski, Adam Hughes, John Kustuch, Dennis Rondeau, Russell Tanner, and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: Timothy Weiler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kustuch, Hughes:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Kustuch, Hughes, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Kustuch, Rondeau:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its February 13, 2018 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its March 13, 2018 regular meeting.

YES: Kustuch, Rondeau, Gradowski, Hughes, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

PRESENTATIONS

2018 Quintin E. Cramer Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Robert Mantei by Mayor Wittbrodt and Councilmember Gradowski.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Russell Tanner, 1411 Borton Avenue

Mike Walter, 904 Elm Street

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kustuch, Hughes:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 72 through 73 totaling \$53,908.25 and payroll voucher 74 through 79 totaling \$78,826.03 for a grand total of \$132,734.28 paid as stated.

YES: Kustuch, Hughes, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Tanner had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported Jack Gustafson has developed a plan for Ransom Essex Park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski stated it was a pleasure to present Bob Mantei as the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award. She discussed plans and events for the sesquicentennial celebration and would like to set up a meeting to discuss them in more depth with council members and citizens. Mayor Wittbrodt continued the report with discussion of the sesquicentennial and also mentioned the Curb Appeal Award.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Tanner reported the commission met on Monday, March 12th to discuss a new business coming into Essexville.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Tanner had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Plans for councilmembers participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Shared a copy of the Michigan Senate resolution acknowledging the sesquicentennial
- Bay County Commissioner Lutz is asking for council input on a similar resolution in recognition of the city's sesquicentennial by Bay County Commissioners.
- Essexville Hampton School Superintendent Matt Cortez is very happy with the Public Safety Department's school liaison, and is applying for a grant to possibly offset the cost to the city for the service.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande had no report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Waiver and plan regarding the retirement health care request which is under new business, intended to reduce the city's unfunded benefits.
- Ordinance 2018-2 amending the Peddlers and Solicitors ordinance in the City Code.
- Encouraged the Councilmember to tour the fire barn to view the improvements made to the facility and new fire truck.
- Bay City water true up
- Upcoming payments due to USDA for interest due for the water transmission loan as well as interest and principle payments for the sewer project.

- Addressed an tree/leaf issue at the dead end of Elm Street.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR WAIVER AND PLAN REGARDING RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

Gradowski, Rondeau:

Resolved; The Essexville City Council hereby acknowledges and approves the Application for Waiver and Plan Regarding the Retirement Health Care Benefit offered to those employees hired prior to January 1, 2005.

YES: Gradowski, Rondeau, Hughes, Kustuch, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Mike Walter, 904 Elm Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:02 PM.

Tanner, Kustuch:

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

YES: Tanner, Kustuch, Gradowski, Hughes, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:31 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Weiler

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
