

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on September 11, 2018 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Dennis Rondeau, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: John Kustuch, Timothy Weiler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tanner, Hughes:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Tanner, Hughes, Gradowski, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Tanner:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its August 14, 2018 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its September 11, 2018 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; pursuant to applicable law and its own policy, the City Council authorizes the Board of Review for the City of Essexville to consider and grant, where appropriate, requests for exemptions from taxation of real property for homesteads of persons in poverty based on the federal income and poverty guidelines.**

YES: Hughes, Tanner, Gradowski, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street

PRESENTATIONS

Jill Reynolds, a representative from Waste Management gave a presentation regarding recycling and the reasons why the cost to recycle is increasing.

CONSIDERATION OF INCREASING THE TRASH COLLECTION FEE ON UTILITY BILLS TO SUPPLEMENT THE INCREASING COST OF RECYCLING.

Hughes, Rondeau:

Motion to begin collecting eighty-nine center, \$.89/month from each household starting on the next billing cycle effective until December 31, 2019.

YES: Hughes, Rondeau, Gradowski, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Lutz, County Commissioner, updated the Council on things going on at the County level, and took questions from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 19 through 20 totaling \$132,162.65 and payroll voucher 21 through 27 totaling \$79,038.03 for a grand total of \$211,200.68 paid as stated.

YES: Hughes, Rondeau, Gradowski, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch was not present. No Report

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Tanner had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski is doing research on donations for benches and trees for Ransom Essex Park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Weiler had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No Meeting

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the open house at Garber High School

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande had no report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Sewer fund and sewer rates
- Impound Fees
- Old DPW building
- Waste Management
- Wage and Salary

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INCREASING THE IMPOUND FEE DUE TO INCREASED COSTS.

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; the City Council hereby approve an increase of the Essexville Vehicle Impound fees from \$50.00 to \$100.00 to cover the increase costs to process the impound. This increase will be added to the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and be effective October 1, 2018.

YES: Gradowski, Hughes, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE ON THE 2018 SUMMER TAX BILL.

Tanner, Rondeau:

Resolved; the City Council authorizes the City Treasurer to waive the special assessment fee in the amount of fifty dollars from the 2018 summer tax bill for Evan Sisk, 302 Borton Avenue.

YES: Tanner, Rondeau, Hughes

Motion Failed

NO: Gradowski, Wittbrodt

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

CONSIDERATION OF REFUNDING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE THAT WAS PUT ON A 2018 SUMMER TAX BILL IN ERROR.

Gradowski, Tanner:

Resolved; the City Council authorizes the City Treasurer to refund Gertrude Hendrick, property owner at 1911 James Street, the special assessment fee, water, sewer and garbage fees from the 2018 summer tax bill that she paid in error.

YES: Gradowski, Tanner, Hughes, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Mike Lutz, 1704 Borton Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Tanner:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Kustuch, Weiler

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
