

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2020 7:00 PM
ESSEXVILLE CITY FIRE BARN**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on October 13, 2020 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember John Connelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: John Connelly, Jack Covieo, Jennifer Gradowski, Adam Hughes, Dennis Rondeau, Russell Tanner and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Covieo:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its September 8, 2020 regular meeting and September 30, 2020 special meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its October 13, 2020 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; pursuant to the City’s Zoning Ordinance and law, the City Council appoints Michael Barrow to the Board of Zoning Appeals to a three year term ending December 31, 2023.**

YES: Hughes, Covieo, Connelly, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved; that expense voucher 20 totaling \$175,117.35 and payroll voucher 21 through 26 totaling \$95,626.55 for a grand total of \$270,743.90 be paid as stated.

YES: Hughes, Rondeau, Connelly, Covieo, Gradowski, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Hughes had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau reported the committee met to discuss revising the City Manager's annual evaluation form.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported that there are 2 benches installed and the parking lot is finished in Ransom Essex Park. She went to area businesses soliciting donations for disc golf equipment to put in the park, and thanked Wirt Stone Docks, Triple R Trucking, Rosebush Holdings, and Paxon Oil for their contributions.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting on Monday October, 19th.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- He thanked Councilmember Gradowski for attending an eagle scout induction ceremony in his absence
- He stopped at Ransom Essex Park and it looks excellent
- He did a review of his last four years as Mayor and thanked the staff and council for their support.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on city council member absences from city council meetings, discussed property maintenance amendment, weed, and Administrative Hearing Officer ordinances.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hansford reported on the following:

- Demolition of 206 Villaire Street
- 38 lead line replacements have been completed
- Transfer of ownership for the two fire trucks with The City of Berkley is complete
- Winter road salt order has been received
- Answered questions from the council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

Hughes, Covieo:

I move that the city council not have the second reading in passage of amendment of the property maintenance ordinance as it passed the council at its September meeting and amend what was previously adopted to read as stated in the redraft of property maintenance ordinance as received by the city council for this meeting. Further, I move that this action be considered the first reading of amendment of that ordinance with the second reading to occur at the November city council meeting.

YES: Hughes, Covieo, Connelly, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-7 “ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER.

Hughes, Connelly:

Resolved; The Essexville City Council by this the first reading adopts Ordinance 2020-7 by adding a new Chapter 7 of Title I (Administration) of said Code entitled “Administrative Hearing Officer”.

YES: Hughes, Connelly, Covieo, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-8 “WEED AND GRASS CUTTING”.

Connelly, Hughes:

Resolved; The Essexville City Council by this the first reading adopts Ordinance 2020-8 by repealing and adding a new Chapter 2 of Title VI (Health Regulations) of said Code entitled “Weed and Grass Cutting”.

YES: Connelly, Hughes, Covieo, Gradowski, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE ADDITION OF DELINQUENT BILLS TO THE 2020 WINTER TAX ROLL.

Gradowski, Rondeau:

Resolved; as set forth in the City Manager’s communication to the City Council on this subject dated October 6, 2020; these special assessments are authorized to be added to the 2020 winter tax roll by the City Treasurer.

YES: Gradowski, Rondeau, Connelly, Covieo, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSTAIN: Hughes

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

City Manager Hansford asked Mayor Wittbrodt for permission to have the floor to discuss the election. Permission was granted.

CONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTING PHOTO AND VIDEO TO THE CITY HALL LOBBY.

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved; photo and video are restricted to the lobby of City Hall unless approved by Essexville City Council.

YES: Hughes, Rondeau, Connelly, Covieo, Gradowski, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

Jack Covieo, 311 Virginia Drive

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Tanner:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk