

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 7:00 PM
ESSEXVILLE CITY FIRE BARN**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on September 8, 2020 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Russ Tanner 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, Connelly:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Covieo:

- A. **Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its August 11, 2020 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its September 8, 2020 regular meeting.**
- B. **Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the “Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2020” prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council’s Investment Policy.**

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 14 totaling \$148,701.67 and payroll voucher 15 through 19 totaling \$72,408.61 for a grand total of \$221,110.28 be paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Hughes reported that council will be considering a new property maintenance code under new business.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report. Councilmember Gradowski asked if the committee would consider redoing the format of the evaluation form for the City Manager's annual review.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported that the DPW is waiting on a couple more benches to arrive and then they will install them in Ransom Essex Park. She has been soliciting donations from local businesses for disc golf in the park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported on wanting to move the date for 2021 Kidsfest up and having a festival for adults and children with a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, chicken dinner, beer tent, and a walleye tournament. She also would like to set a tour up before the October city council meeting for the council members to go through Roger Rosebush's facility.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report, but commented that everyone should watch the video of the Consumer's Power Weedock Plant's demolition.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No Meeting

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Conducted a wedding on August 28th
- He was asked to record a video for a middle school class on the effects geography has on how a city operates
- He encouraged the councilmembers to email Councilmember Rondeau or himself with any input they have on revamping the city manager evaluation form
- Because the weather is getting cooler discussion was held on how to conduct the future city council meetings to comply with the Governor's executive orders. It was decided to hold them in the fire barn.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on the status of 206 Villaire Street, and the proposed amendment to the property maintenance code.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hansford reported on the following:

- Lead and copper update

- Cost recovery program
- 206 Villaire Street update
- Attended the Charter Revision Commission meeting on August 31
- Answered questions from the council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE FIRE INSURANCE WITHHOLDING PROGRAM FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; that consideration for adopting the fire insurance withholding program from the State of Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services be postponed until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

Hughes, Connelly:

Resolved that; in accordance with section 1.102 of chapter 1 of title I of the code of ordinances of the City of Essexville, present section 6.611 (entitled "Appeal From Notice To Abate") of Chapter 6 (entitled Property Maintenance") of Title VI (entitled "Health Regulations") of the code of ordinances is hereby repealed and thereafter amended.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Meg Ruegsegger, 709 Maple

Jack Covio, 311 Virginia Drive

Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Connelly, Hughes:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
