

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

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

City Clerk, Sarah Wilcox, 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: Hughes, Rondeau, Connelly, Covieo, Gradowski, Tanner, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

Hughes, Covieo:

Resolved; that the City Council meet in a closed session as permitted by MCLA 15.268(e) to consult with its attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with specific litigation as to not do so would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

The Council exited Executive Session at 7:18 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SETTLEMENT

Gradowski, Rondeau:

Resolved; that the proposed settlement in the pending legal matter of William Gutzwiller Sr. v the City of Essexville is hereby approved.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Tanner, Hughes:

- A. **Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its November 16, 2020 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its December 8, 2020 regular meeting.**
- B. **Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager’s reappointment of William Hydorn, Jim Hages, and Mildred Zurvalec to the Board of Review to a two year term effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.**
- C. **Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager’s reappointment of Tom Jacobs to the Downtown Development Authority to a four year term effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.**
- D. **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.

- E. Resolved; The Essexville City Council by this the first reading adopts Ordinance 2020-9 by repealing and adding a new Chapter 9 of Title IX (Police Regulations) of said Code entitled "Control of Dogs and Other Animals" at this the final reading of said Ordinance.

YES: Tanner, Hughes, Connelly, Covio, Gradowski, Rondeau, Wittbrodt Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff
Jack Covio, 311 Virginia Drive

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rondeau, Gradowski:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 34 and 35 totaling \$97,349.18 and payroll voucher 36 through 42 totaling \$102,134.26 for a grand total of \$199,483.44 paid as stated.

YES: Rondeau, Gradowski, Connelly, Covio, Hughes, Tanner, Wittbrodt Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau asked the councilmembers to have their city manager evaluations back to him by the January City Council meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covio had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the Citizen of the Year nomination form was sent out in the newsletter with the winter tax bills, and asked the councilmembers to nominate someone for the award.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting, no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No meeting, no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Pergande gave an update on the property at 206 Villaire.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Revenue Sharing report and Act 51 Distribution and Reporting System report have been submitted
- Filed an extension for the annual audit
- COVID-19 update
- Water rate increase
- Yard waste and brush pickup is done for the year

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RETAIL WATER RATE INCREASE FOR THE CITY.

Connelly, Covieo:

The City Council of Essexville hereby approves an increase in the retail cost of water of .20 cents per hundred cubic feet effective the January 2021 billing cycle.

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

ABSENT: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Adam Hughes, 1902 James Street

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Covieo:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
