

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 7:00 PM  
IN THE FIRE BARN**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on February 9, 2021 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Jack Covieo, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Adam Hughes

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tanner, Rondeau:

**Resolved the agenda be approved as amended.**

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Tanner, Rondeau:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its January 12, 2021 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its February 9, 2021 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; the amendments recommended by the City Manager to be made to previously approved appropriations within the fiscal year 2020/2021 budget, as set forth in his communication to the City Council on this subject dated February 9, 2021 are authorized.**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue - Other</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>
<b>Equipment - Public Safety-Police</b>	
<b>Division</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>

<b>Motor Vehicle &amp; Equipment Fund</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Sales-Equipment-PSD</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Equipment Repairs - Motor Pool</b>	
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$6,095.20</b>
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>\$36,095.20</b>

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Mr. Jayme Johnson, County Commissioner, was not in attendance.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Connelly, Tanner:

**Resolved; that expense vouchers 52 through 53 totaling \$247,604.20 and payroll voucher 54 through 58 totaling \$72,876.93 for a grand total of \$320,481.13 paid as stated.**

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

### **MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Rondeau scheduled a committee meeting for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 4:30 in the council chambers to discuss the city manager's annual review.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski reported she will schedule a committee meeting once she hears back from the webcam gentleman. Spicer Engineering has the quote done for finishing Smith Park.

### **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Gradowski reported the committee is meeting tonight after the city council meeting to select the Citizen of the Year from the 7 nominations that were received.

### **UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

No Meeting

### **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

No Meeting

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for setting up for the meeting
- Received both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Pergande reported on the Excessive Force Policy and took questions from the council.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Disposed of 2 DPW vehicles
- Annual audit is complete and will hopefully be presented at the March meeting
- Replacement of Sewer Truck
- Public Safety Department report
- Charter Revision Commission update
- Answered questions from the council.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE "EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY".

Rondeau, Covieo:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE, MICHIGAN:**

**It is policy of the City that the use of excessive force is prohibited by local law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the City.**

**The City hereby adopts and will enforce a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location during the time in which such facilities are normally open which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions.**

**The City Council directs the Police Chief to implement the Resolution by amending applicable police department procedures.**

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

## **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Connelly, Tanner:

**Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.**

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt  
Mayor

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Sarah Wilcox  
City Clerk

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