

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

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

Councilmember Jennifer Gradowski, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Connelly:

- A. **Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its February 9, 2021 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its March 9, 2021 regular meeting.**
- B. **Resolved; the City Council hereby receives and accepts the "Quarterly Investment Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2021" prepared by the City Treasurer pursuant to the City Council's Investment Policy.**

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

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Quintin E. Cramer Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Kevin Hurley by Mayor Wittbrodt and Councilmember Gradowski.

Bay County Crime Stoppers representatives presented the Officer of the Year award to Public Safety Officer Jean Pierre Gracey.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:
None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Jayme Johnson, County Commissioner, updated the council on things going on in Bay County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 59 totaling \$49,127.16 and payroll voucher 60 through 65 totaling \$77,632.72 for a grand total of \$126,759.88 paid as stated.

YES: Gradowski, Covieo, Connelly, Hughes, Rondeau, Tanner, Wittbrodt
 ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau reported there will be an executive session to discuss the city manager's annual review.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the committee met on February 25th. Spicer Engineering put together a map and quote for a grant to improve Smith Park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski did not have a report. Co-Chair Connelly stated Councilmember Gradowski did a good job putting everything together for the Citizen of the Year Award.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly reported that the committee members received a packet from the City Manager with information about a new vac truck. A committee meeting will be scheduled in the future.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No Meeting

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the public relations committee meeting
- Attended the municipal relations committee meeting
- Appreciated the expressions of sympathy from everyone when his father passed away

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande was not in attendance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Sewer Fund deficit
- Lead and copper abatement program
- Waste Management changed citywide trash collection to Tuesday's
- Smith Park grant application for park improvements
- State and local covid fiscal recovery bill
- Answered questions from the council.

PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING ESSEXVILLE SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO FINISH THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SMITH PARK.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:58 P.M.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor Closed the Public Hearing at 7:59 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO FUND THE CITY’S 50% COMMITMENT IF SUCCESSFUL ON THE SMITH PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

Gradowski, Tanner:

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Essexville hereby authorizes submission of a land and water conservation fund application for \$148,500.00 (one hundred forty eight thousand and five hundred dollars), and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$148,500.00 (50%) of a total \$297,000.00 (two hundred ninety seven thousand) project cost, during the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year.

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

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

Hughes, Covieo:

Resolved, the City Council meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the City Manager’s annual performance evaluation pursuant to the City Manager’s written request to have this matter discussed in closed session and as permitted by MCLA 15.268(a) and applicable law.

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

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:49 PM.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CITY MANAGER’S GROSS WAGE BY 3 (THREE) PERCENT.

Rondeau, Hughes:

Resolved, the City Council increases the City Manager’s gross wage by 3 percent effective the beginning of the next pay period.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Connelly:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote Motion Carried

ABSENT: None
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
