

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2021 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on July 13, 2021 to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Dennis Rondeau, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: John Connelly

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Gradowski:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its June 8, 2021 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its July 13, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolved; pursuant to the City code and State law, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Francis Samyn to the Planning Commission for a partial three year term ending December 31, 2021.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Matthew Hewitt, 1435 Park Avenue, Bay City, Michigan

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Jayme Johnson, County Commissioner, reported on Bay County happenings and took questions from councilmembers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Tanner, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 1 totaling \$254,919.97 and payroll voucher 2 through 7 totaling \$81,845.86 for a grand total of \$336,765.83 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Councilmember Hughes updated the council on the status of a couple ordinances.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the Smith Park river web camera is installed and online. It can be accessed via Youtube by searching for Saginaw River Cam or by going on the website www.essexville.org. City Manager Hansford thanked Councilmember Gradowski for spreading mulch in Ransom Essex Park. Councilmember Hughes congratulated Councilmember Gradowski on her success with the web camera project.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported that judging for the Curb Appeal Award occurred on Friday, July 9th, and Mayor Wittbrodt will discuss it more in his report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Manager Hansford reported on the appointment of Francis Samyn to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy on the commission.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Manager Hansford reported that the new Christmas lights were delivered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- There were 22 nominations for the Curb Appeal Award. The winner was 112 Hart Street and the four runner ups were 312 Scheurmann, 309 Plummer, 707 Ash and 1903 Borton.
- Thanked Van Ootenghem's Farm & Greenhouse for donating the first place prizes of a \$100.00 gift certificate to the greenhouse and two planter arrangements.
- Thanked Councilmember Gradowski for her hard work on the web cam project
- Thanked Councilmember Gradowski and City Manager Hansford's efforts for developing Ransom Essex Park.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on housing legislation regarding accessory dwelling units and short term rentals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Filed for the Federal/State Stimulus Funds and should receive them by the end of August
- The new sewer truck
- Consumers Energy replacing old street lights
- Took questions from the council

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING CONSUMERS ENERGY TO REPLACE THE STREETLIGHTS WITH LED LIGHTS.

Hughes, Gradowski:

Resolved; that the Essexville City Council, by this Resolution, authorizes Consumers Energy to replace a High Pressure Sodium streetlight with the more efficient LED streetlight at no cost to the City of Essexville.

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

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE WATERLINE REVENUE FOR THE DOWNPAYMENT (\$100,000.00) IN LIEU OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS.

Covieo, Rondeau:

Resolved; that the Essexville City Council, by this Resolution, authorizes the use of the Water Transmission Line Revenue for the \$100,000.00 down payment of the new 2021 Sewer Truck and authorizes the placement of the Federal Stimulus Funds (\$340,000.00) into the Water Line Revenue Fund for the expressed purpose of lead line replacement. These funds are expected sometime in August of 2021.

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

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2021-2 TITLED "ODORS, SMOKE OR FUMES".

Councilmember Hughes Moved to lay the pending question on the table.

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Adam Hughes, 1902 James
- Tom Rehmus, 6275 Muirhead West Dr., Bay City, MI
- Matthew Hewitt, 1435 Park Ave., Bay City, MI
- Jack Covieo, 311 Virginia Dr.
- Jayme Johnson, 1596 St. Mary's Court, Bay City, MI

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Covieo:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Connelly

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
