

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on August 10, 2021 to order at 7:00 PM.

Captain Nathan House, 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

Connelly, Rondeau:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Tanner, Rondeau:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its July 13, 2021 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its August 10, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolved; the amendments recommended by the City Manager to be made to previously approved appropriations within the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget, as set forth in his communication to the City Council on this subject dated August 10, 2021 are authorized.

General Fund	Increase
Contractual Services - Parks & Recreation	\$4,380.00
Fund Totals	\$4,380.00

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Covieo, Tanner:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 8 totaling \$337,445.21 and payroll voucher 9 through 13 totaling \$72,394.42 for a grand total of \$409,839.63 paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly reported the committee met to discuss the Odors or Fumes ordinance.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported on Smith Park, the progress on Ransom Essex Park, and took questions from the councilmembers.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported pictures of the curb appeal award winner can be viewed on the city's website.

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:

- Basketball courts are being well used throughout the summer thanks to the JJKN Hoops camp and basketball tournaments.
- Bay County's press release regarding suggestions for ARP money.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on commercial marijuana grow and sale facilities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Refinancing of Bay County bonds
- The City has the opportunity to refinance the sewer/pump station bonds and water line project bonds
- Scheduled a special city council meeting for Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Took questions from the council

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2 “ODORS OR FUMES”.

Connelly, Hughes:

Resolved; The Essexville City Council in accordance with Section 1.2 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Essexville, a new Chapter of the Code of Ordinances is hereby created, which shall be entitled “ODORS OR FUMES”, and shall be designated Chapter 21 of Title IX of the Code of Ordinances at this the first reading of said Ordinance.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VARIOUS ESSEXVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES.

Rondeau, Hughes:

Councilmember Hughes withdrew his motion, Councilmember Rondeau withdrew his motion. Councilmember Connelly motioned to lay the pending question on the table.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BAY COUNTY TO REFINANCE.

Connelly, Covieo:

The City Council hereby approves the refunding of the original Bonds for the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant as detailed in the attached Bay County resolution.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE TO REFINANCE BONDS.

Tanner, Covieo:

The City Council hereby authorizes Dickinson & Wright and Bendzinski & Company to act as Bond Council and Financial Advisors for the City of Essexville and to proceed with the Document Preparation for Refunding of the two outstanding USDA loans for the Sewer Project and Water Line Project. Essexville Council will need to approve the actual refinancing of the Bonds when the proper documents are prepared.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Matt Hewitt, 1435 Park Ave., Bay City, MI
- John Connelly, 10 W. Sharlear
- Nate Van Tifflin, 608 S. DeWitt St.
- Adam Hughes, 1902 James
- Jack Covieo, 311 Virginia Dr.
- Scott Wittbrodt, 400 Valerie Ct.
- John Connelly, 10 W. Sharlear

Matt Hewitt, 1435 Park Ave., Bay City, MI

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote

ABSENT: None

NO: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
