

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2022 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on March 8, 2022 to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Wittbrodt asked for a moment of silence for past councilmembers and past planning commission members John Kustuch and Kate Charron who recently passed away.

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, Todd Wendt and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Connelly:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Wendt:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its February 8, 2022 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council’s consideration at its March 8, 2022 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 immediately through December 31, 2023.**
- C. Resolved; pursuant to the City code and State law, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s re-appointment of Timothy Weiler to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2024.**
- D. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager’s appointment of Zack Deary to a partial four year term effective immediately through December 31, 2025 to the Downtown Development Authority.**

YES: Hughes, Wendt, Connelly, Covieo, Gradowski, Rondeau, 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, updated the council on Bay County events and took questions from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 58 totaling \$85,971.60 and payroll voucher 59 through 64 totaling \$72,875.52 for a grand total of \$158,847.12 paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau reported the city manager review will be during Executive Session.

City Manager Hansford reported that he meet with the union representatives to discuss the new union contracts.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report. City Manager Hansford reported that drainage will be installed in Essex Park. The grant money for Smith Park has not been acquired yet.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly reported the committee met to discuss the cross connection ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting. The drawings for the expansion to St. Jude Thaddeaus Catholic Church have been received and reviewed by the building inspector. A meeting should be scheduled very near in the future.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No meeting. A meeting will be scheduled for some time in the next month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended former councilmember and planning commission member John Kustuch's funeral
- Planning commission member and former councilmember Kate Charron passed away
- Attended the municipal relations committee meeting
- Attended the utility and special committee meeting
- St. Patrick's Day Parade

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on the cross connections ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford reported on the following:

- EGLE grant application
- Labor contracts
- Public Safety Officer Zac Collins is leaving his position with the city for a position with the Michigan State Police
- The city is taking bids for three surplus vehicles
- Answered question from the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1 "CROSS CONNECTIONS".

The floor was open for debate

Councilmember Gradowski motioned to end the debate Councilmember Hughes supported the motion.

Connelly, Covieo:

Resolved: That ordinance of the City known as Chapter 7 entitled "Cross Connections" of Title VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Essexville is hereby repealed and a new ordinance also to be entitled "Cross Connections" is hereby created in its place and stead which shall be known as Chapter 7 of Title VIII of the Code of Ordinances. This resolution be considered the first reading of its passage as required by the City Charter.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Don Middleton, 1107 Woodside Avenue

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:27 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, Wendt, Wittbrodt Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

The Council exited Executive Session at 8:54 PM.

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

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved, the City Council increases the City Manager's gross wage by 3 percent effective immediately.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
