

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on August 9, 2022 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, Adam Hughes, Dennis Rondeau, Todd Wendt and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Rondeau:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Gradowski:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its July 12, 2022 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its August 9, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street

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

Wendt, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 7 totaling \$291,665.53 and payroll voucher 8 through 16 totaling \$76,446.19 for a grand total of \$368,111.72 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau reported the committee met on August 3rd regarding the city manager search. Interviews for six candidates are scheduled for August 16th and August 17th which will be conducted during special city council meetings.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the concrete and grass seeding are complete at Ransom Essex Park. A recording security camera system is being discussed as the next item for the park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported on the Curb Appeal Award, ordering more Christmas lights and a possible Christmas lighting contest.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly asked for an update on the lead water line replacements. City Manager Hansford stated that approximately five lines are being replaced every week.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No Meeting

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the Municipal Relations Committee meeting on August 3rd
- Met with the City Attorney and City Manager regarding the City Manager search.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on the severance agreement negotiated with the former Treasurer and answered questions from the council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- The Smith Park project is in the final phase of permitting
- Consumers Energy is installing a new high pressure natural gas main on Parker Street and Woodside Avenue starting the week of August 15th.
- Took questions from the council

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE CITY MANAGER’S ORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

The council discussed the current city manager’s employment agreement.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIRMING THE MANAGERS APPOINTMENT OF JEROME F. REINKE AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; The City Council hereby confirms the City Managers appointment of Jerome F. Reinke as the Superintendent of Public Works effective this date.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SEVERANCE AGREEMENT.

Hughes, Gradowski:

Resolved, that the severance agreement negotiated by the City Attorney and signed by the City Manager and resigning City Treasurer Kim Van Tifflin is hereby ratified as an action of the City Council.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

CHARTER REVISION UPDATE

Charter Revision Commission Chairperson Craig Goulet reported on the Charter Revision Commission’s progress. Councilmember Hughes thanked Mr. Goulet and the rest of the citizens who were on the Charter Revision Commission.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Craig Goulet, 202 Hart Street
- Adam Hughes, 1902 James Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Connelly:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox

City Clerk
