

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on September 13, 2022 to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Wittbrodt asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

City Manager Dan Hansford, 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, Connelly:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its August 9, 2022 regular meeting and August 16, 2022 and August 17, 2022, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its September 13, 2022 regular meeting.

B. Resolved; The City Council hereby approves the appointment of Dawn Hoder as the duly sworn Treasurer for the City of Essexville.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

David Telfor, 706 Lynn Street

John Bemlander, 109 Pine Street

Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street

Justin Ralston, 303 Pine 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

Connelly, Gradowski:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 17 totaling \$380,526.45 and payroll voucher 18 through 24 totaling \$74,973.89 for a grand total of \$455,500.34 paid as stated.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau welcomed Craig Goulet as the next City Manager.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported on the Smith Park project and the new light installed in Ransom Essex Park.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski had no report.

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:

- He thanked City Manager Hansford for his years of service to the City of Essexville and highlighted many of Mr. Hansford's accomplishments that have had a profound and positive impact to the City.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Pergande reported on the pedicab ordinance and electronic meetings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Dan Hansford, reported on the following:

- Smith Park project
- Welcomed Craig Goulet as the new City Manager
- Thanked the City Council for giving him the opportunity to work for the City of Essexville for the last 16 years.
- Thanked State Representative Tim Beson for the certificate of recognition he sent to the Department of Public Works
- Took questions from the council

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PROPOSED CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Connelly, Wendt:

Resolved; the City Council hereby approves the amendment to item (b) under section five in the proposed city manager employment contract to read “In the event the City Council terminates the services of the City Manager, severance pay and health care benefits shall be paid to the City Manager consisting of 56 days, aggregate salary and continuation of health care benefits payable in the following manner and subject to the following conditions:”

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

Hughes, Covieo:

Resolved; the City Council hereby approves the proposed employment contract executed by Craig Goulet and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same on the City’s behalf.

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

ABSENT: None

NO: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff
- Jack Covieo, 311 Virginia Drive
- John Connelly, 10 West Sharlear Drive
- Dan Hansford, 1107 Woodside Avenue
- Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street
- Adam Hughes, 1902 James Street
- Jack Covieo, 311 Virginia Drive

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
