

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

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

City Councilmember Adam Hughes, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jack Covieo, Adam Hughes, Robert Mantei, Dennis Rondeau, Todd Wendt and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: Jennifer Gradowski (Councilmember Gradowski arrived at 7:19 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Mantei:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

YES: Hughes, Mantei, Covieo, Rondeau, Wendt, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gradowski

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Wendt:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its November 21, 2022 regular and organizational meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its December 13, 2022 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; pursuant to the City code and State law, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Michael Bergen and James Hages to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2025.**
- C. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's reappointment of Roger Rosebush and Nick Long to the Downtown Development Authority to a four year term effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.**
- D. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's appointment of Sandra Koglin as member and Kimberly Grew as an alternate member to the Board of Review to a partial two year term effective December 13, 2022 through December 31, 2023.**
- E. Resolved that following appointments are made to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Alan Bilhimer and Michael Bergen are appointed to a three year term to be effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.**
- F. Resolved; pursuant to applicable law and its own policy, the City Council authorizes the Board of Review for the City of Essexville to consider and grant, where appropriate, requests for exemptions from taxation of real property for homesteads of persons in poverty based on the federal income and poverty guidelines for the year 2023.**

YES: Hughes, Wendt, Covieo, Mantei, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gradowski

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Dennis Poirier, 1265 Orchard Road, Essexville, Michigan

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Dennis Rondeau, 704 Langstaff

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Jayme Johnson, County Commissioner, updated the council on business at Bay County and took questions from the council.

Councilmember Gradowski arrived at 7:19 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mantei, Hughes:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 44 totaling \$25,543.40 and payroll voucher 45 through 48 totaling \$65,415.99 for a grand total of \$90,959.39 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the DPW put a Christmas tree at the Smith Park boat launch which can be seen from the webcam, and took questions from the council.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the tree lighting ceremony was a success and thanked everyone who was involved. She also encouraged everyone to nominate someone for citizen of the year.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wendt had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting, no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No meeting, but Councilmember Gradowski would like to schedule a meeting for January.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the first annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony
- Christmas luncheon is Friday, December 16th 12:00 p.m. at the DPW facility

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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Mr. Pergande was not in attendance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Craig Goulet, reported on the following:

- Attended the tree lighting ceremony and thanked everyone who made it a success.
- Thanked everyone who has committed time and resources to the first annual Christmas tree ceremony
- City clerk and staff did a terrific job leading up to and on election day
- Officers Gettel and Gracey represented Essexville by participating in the "Shop with a Hero" event
- The 2020/2021 audit will be completed soon
- Interviews are being conducted for police academy candidates
- Holiday luncheon will be Friday, December 16th at 12:00 p.m.
- Answered questions from the council.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Jennifer Gradowski, 408 Sharpe Street
Craig Goulet, 202 Hart Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox

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City Clerk
