

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on April 14, 2026 to order at 6:00 PM.

Councilmember Jennifer Gradowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jack Covieo, Jennifer Gradowski, Justin Grifka, Adam Hughes, Robert Mantei, Todd Wendt, and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved the agenda be approved as written.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Hughes, Gradowski:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its March 10, 2026 regular meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its April 14, 2026 regular meeting.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Jerry Crete, County Commissioner, reported on Bay County business, and took questions from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 68 totaling \$184,608.30 and payroll voucher 69 through 76 totaling \$100,428.25 for a grand total of \$285,036.55 paid as stated.

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

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wendt had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the riverfront will be reseeded, and took questions from the council.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the committee will meet after tonight's council meeting to discuss the bike parade.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Grifka had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Gradowski reported there is a DDA meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 8 a.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the parks and recreation committee meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Craig Goulet, reported on the following:

- Items up for consideration under new business.
- Next DDA meeting is April 15th.
- Salt truck replacement.
- Essexville-Hampton middle and high school teams competing at SVSU this weekend.
- Garber High School is moving forward with the stem center.
- Fleis and Vandenbrink county sewer line project.
- Took questions from the council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DECERTIFICATION FOR ACT 51 REPORTING.

Wendt, Covieo:

Whereas the City of Essexville does wish to decertify a portion of Saline, Elm, Oak and Maple Streets. This decertification of parts of Saline, Elm, Oak and Maple Streets are located north of Woodside between Pine Street and City Limits with Hampton Township with the following breakdown by street to be removed:

**Saline: 140 feet (eastern part of the street)
Oak: 20 feet (northern part of the street)
Elm: 60 feet (northern part of the street)**

Maple: 20 feet (northern part of the street)

For a total of 240 feet to be removed as part of the decertification for Act 51 reporting. The City of Essexville expressly reserves all ownership interest in the green space portions of the right of way.

YES: Wendt, Covieo, Gradowski, Grifka, Hughes Mantei, Wittbrodt
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF MAIN ST LOT SALE NEXT TO TRIPLE R.

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved; that the Essexville City Council, by this Resolution, hereby authorizes the City Manager to sell the property at 1308 Main St. (Lot 170-014-400-045) for the amount of \$1,095.00, which was the sole bid for the auction that closed in March, 2026.

YES: Hughes, Wendt, Covieo, Gradowski, Grifka, Mantei, Wittbrodt
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA FOR RADIOS.

Gradowski, Hughes:

Resolved; that the Essexville City Council, by this Resolution, hereby authorizes the Essexville City Clerk and Mayor to enter into an agreement with Motorola to purchase radios for the Public Safety Department. This agreement would authorize annual payments over the course of seven (7) years, with annual payments of \$31,316.78 and would be included in the annual budget. Essexville would retain the rights to pay the lease off early with no penalties.

YES: Gradowski, Hughes, Covieo, Grifka, Mantei, Wittbrodt
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRE CATT PRECISION SERVICE TESTING.

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved; that the Essexville City Council, by this Resolution, hereby authorizes the Essexville City Clerk and Mayor to enter into an agreement with Fire Catt for precision equipment testing for the Essexville Public Safety Department.

YES: Hughes, Wendt, Covieo, Gradowski, Grifka, Mantei, Wittbrodt
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hughes, Wendt:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote
ABSENT: None
The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Motion Carried

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk
