**SPECIAL SESSION**

February 3, 2021

The City Council of Essex met in special session in the Community Room, Essex City Hall at 6:00 PM with Mayor Durfey presiding. Council members present: Correll, Gay, Kinney, Wenstrand. Franks entered the meeting at 6:35 PM. City Clerk Ohnmacht and city employees Mark Marriott and Kelly Morehouse were also present. The public attended through the electronic means of Zoom.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Wenstrand, seconded by Correll. Ayes: All.

The July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 budget work session began. Revenues and expenditures were gone over.

The next budget workshop will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

At 8: PM a motion was made by Franks, seconded by Kinney to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Marian V. Durfey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary A. Ohnmacht, City Clerk

**SPECIAL SESSION**

February 8, 2021

The City Council of Essex met in special session in the Community Room, Essex City Hall at 6:00 PM with Mayor Durfey presiding. Council members present: Correll, Franks, Gay, and Kinney. Absent: Wenstrand. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present. The public attended through the electronic means of Zoom.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Franks, seconded by Kinney. Ayes: All.

The July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 budget work session began. Revenues and expenditures were gone over.

The next budget workshop will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

At 7:20 PM a motion was made by Gay, seconded by Franks to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Marian V. Durfey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary A. Ohnmacht, City Clerk

**REGULAR SESSION**

February 10, 2021

The City Council of Essex met in regular session. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Essex City Council was held electronically.  Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis.  On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site.  Therefore, only Mayor Marian Durfey, councilpersons Correll, Franks, Gay, Kinney, and Wenstrand; City Attorney Sorensen, and City Clerk Mary Ohnmacht were present at Essex City Hall. The public attended through the electronic means of Zoom.

Mayor Durfey called the meeting to order and roll call was taken showing the following members of the Council present or absent. Present: Correll, Franks, Gay, Kinney, and Wenstrand.

The Agenda was approved. Motion by Correll, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Public Comments: None.

Approval Second Reading: Resolution 2020 – 34: Amendment of Chapter 40.03 2. Noise Control. Motion by Franks, second by Correll. Ayes: Correll, Franks, Gay. Nays: Kinney, Wenstrand. Motion carried 3-2.

Ohnmacht gave an update on contacting the township trustees in regards to rural fire coverage.

Acceptance of monthly police report: January 10, 2021 – February 6, 2021. Franks motioned, seconded by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of delinquent utilities report. Motion by Kinney, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

The Council reviewed the progress report from JEO on the water study.

The Council discussed dumpster rentals. They requested it to be on the March 10, 2021 Agenda.

Motion to leave the Opera House at its current location and to request the committee to get 3 bids for foundation work by Gay. Second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Lawn mower bids were presented. Wenstrand made the motion to purchase the John Deere mower for $11,827.02, second by Gay. Ayes: All.

Mowing bids for the cemetery were presented. Franks made the motion to use Legendary Lawn Care for the price of $350 per service including trimming and blowing off of the stones. Correll seconded the motion. Ayes: All.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 07 Wage Resolution. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Motion to increase family insurance percentage paid by the City to 50% by Gay, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Building permits were discussed. Currently pay building inspector $25 per permit. Kinney motioned if building inspector has to revisit the site the cost will be the responsibility of the property owner. Gay seconded the motion. Ayes: All.

Gay reported that they are hoping to meet in March concerning the comprehensive plan.

The Time Capsule for the Sesquicentennial was discussed. It was mentioned to put one of the 2020 street banners in it.

Work orders were reviewed.

Public comments on Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: January 13, 2021; January 20, 2021; January 27, 2021, February 3, 2021; Treasurer’s Report: January 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims: January 13, 2021 – February 10, 2021. Motion by Kinney, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Nuisances were discussed.

Franks inquired about the snow emergency parking and yield sign patrol on Nebraska Avenue. Mayor Durfey will be checking on those.

Adjournment at 7:42 PM. Correll motioned, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Mayor Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht

**SPECIAL SESSION**

February 17, 2021

The City Council of Essex met in special session in the Community Room, Essex City Hall at 6:00 PM with Mayor Durfey presiding. Council members present: Correll, Franks, Gay, Kinney, and Wenstrand. City Clerk Ohnmacht was also present. The public attended through the electronic means of Zoom.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Kinney, seconded by Gay. Ayes: All.

The July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 budget work session began. Revenues and expenditures were gone over.

The public hearing for the Maximum Levy will be March 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The public hearing for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Budget will be March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

At 7:05 PM a motion was made by Franks, seconded by Wenstrand to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Marian V. Durfey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary A. Ohnmacht, City Clerk