**REGULAR SESSION**

April 14, 2021

The City Council of Essex met April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, Essex City Hall. 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, Kinney, Wenstrand. Absent: Gay. City Clerk Ohnmacht, City Employees, Kelly Morehouse, Mark Marriott, and City Attorney Sorensen were also present.

The Agenda was approved, motion by Kinney, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Members of the public present: Skylar Ross, Mike Wells, Abby Woodward, Brianne Johnson, Kim Tudor, Tori Sample, Becki Franks, Gloria McComb, Dustin Johnson, Cole & Heather Thornton and Dennis Gresham.

Public Comments: none.

Mike Wells, Abby Woodward, Brianne Johnson and Tori Sample gave a presentation on a school run restaurant.

Acceptance of monthly police report: March 7, 2021 – April 10, 2021. Franks motioned, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Approval of 3 year police services contract. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Correll. Ayes: All.

Acceptance of delinquent utilities report. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Review of JEO Project Report.

Council presented with 2 bids for electrical work for Well #6. Motion to accept low bid of $10,315.94 from LePorte Electric, Inc. by Correll. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Council presented with 2 bids for storm sewer repair on south side of Illinois between Forbes and Brooks. Motion to accept low bid of $8,392.30 from JW Excavation by Wenstrand. Second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Council presented with 2 bids for tuck point and foundation work at the Opera House. Motion to accept low bid of $55,477.91 from Thrasher, Inc. by Kinney. Second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

The flower pots will be moved from the Opera House to City Hall until the work is finished there.

Correll will contact the school to get updated on the Bandstand painting project.

Approval of appointing new fire department members:

 Motion to approve Michael Mattina by Kinney, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

 Motion to approve Matthew Franks by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

 Motion to approve Michael Kirsch by Kinney, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

 Motion to approve Philip Franks by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: 2; Nays 2. Failed.

 Motion to approve Nashton English by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: 2; Nays: 2. Failed.

 Motion to approve Clayton Falk by Wenstrand, second by Franks. Ayes: 2; Nays: 2. Failed.

Becki Franks updated the Council on the Explorers program.

Council presented with 2 bids to repair the sidewalk in front of the Lied Library. Motion to accept the low bid of $5,491.63 from Crowley Construction & Concrete by Franks. Second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

Approval of alcohol at derby track Saturday evening at the bull riding event of Labor Day. Motion by Wenstrand. Second by Kinney. Ayes: 2; Nays: 2. Failed.

Approval of Resolution 2021 – 14: Chapter 106.07 1 E Dumpster Rental. Motion by Correll, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Approval of Resolution 2021 – 15: Chapter 136.03 Snow Removal. Motion by Kinney, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Gift of city owned lot to Essex Community School tabled.

Support of school venture restaurant tabled.

The 28E Agreement for sharing a maintenance person with the school will be on May’s agenda.

Approval of Cemetery Information Management System (CIMS) proposal. Motion by Kinney, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Council presented with 2 bids for side by side vehicle. Wenstrand made the motion to approve bid from Whipp Sales & Service for $9,820. Motion failed for lack of a second. Research will be done on cost of spraying and be on May’s agenda.

Approval Resolution 2021 – 16: Resolution Upon Receipt of Application for Voluntary Annexation. Motion by Franks, second by Wenstrand. Ayes: All.

Council was reminded of the meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM at the East Gym.

Work orders were approved. Motion by Franks, second by Kinney. Ayes: All.

It was announced that the City has once again received the Trees Please! Grant from MidAmerican Energy.

Public comments on Agenda items: Dennis Gresham asked about the sidewalk clearing.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes: March 10, 2021; Treasurer’s Report: March 31, 2021; Abstract of Claims: March 11, 2021 – April 14, 2021. Motion by Correll, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Nuisances were discussed. One property has been found to be in contempt of the court order. Sorensen is following up on that. Other property owners have been sent letters.

Ohnmacht updated the Council on the website.

Future agenda items:

* High school student fire department applications
* Alcohol at Labor Day bull riding event

Adjournment at 8:45 PM. Correll motioned, second by Franks. Ayes: All.

Mayor Marian V. Durfey

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary A. Ohnmacht