

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2011, 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on September 13, 2011 to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Tanner asked for a moment of silence in memory of the tenth anniversary of September 11th, 2001.

Mayor Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Connelly, Link, Lutz, Mantei, Rehmus and Tanner.

ABSENT: Gradowski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Link:

Resolved the agenda be approved as amended, under the Public Relations Committee report add Mayor's Exchange to be discussed.

YES: Unanimous

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gradowski

CONSENT AGENDA

Rehmus, Mantei:

A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of the August 9, 2011 regular Council meeting and executive session called to discuss collective bargaining negotiations as prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for its consideration at the regular meeting of September 13, 2011.

B. Resolved; that the City Council of the City of Essexville does hereby schedule special meetings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 21, 2011 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 26, 2011 at the St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 206 Scheurmann Street for the purpose of holding public informational forums on the November 8, 2011 millage proposal.

YES: Rehmus, Link, Connelly, Lutz, Mantei, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gradowski

CITIZEN INPUT

Sandy Krohn, 1906 James Street, addressed the Council.

Tom Bleau, 1102 Woodside Avenue, addressed the Council.

Susan Richards, 809 Nebobish Avenue, addressed the Council.

The Mayor asked if any citizens wished to address the Council, hearing none, he continued with the agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Mr. Krygier, County Commissioner, was not in attendance, and therefore had no report.

PRESENTATIONS

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTED TO RETIRING PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR TIM WEILER AND SERGEANTS TOM SNELLING AND TOM GOODMAN.

State Representative, Charles Brunner, presented Public Safety Director, Tim Weiler and Sergeant Tom Snelling with certificates of recognition from the State of Michigan. Mayor Tanner presented Tim Weiler and Tom Snelling with certificates of recognition from the City of Essexville. Tom Goodman was not in attendance.

Councilwoman Gradowski arrived at 7:16 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rehmus, Mantei:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 13 through 14 totaling \$777,172.16 and payroll voucher 15 through 20 totaling \$101,454.67 for a grand total of \$878,626.83 paid as stated.

YES: Rehmus, Mantei, Connelly, Gradowski, Link, Lutz, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilman Mantei had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilman Rehmus had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Link had no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Lutz had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MAYOR EXCHANGE DAY

The Council discussed plans for Mayor’s Exchange with the Village of Cass City. Councilman Connelly thanks staff for planning the event.

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Gradowski had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Connelly had no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilman Mantei reported that discussions were held on the preliminary planning and completed lighting project of Smith Park. The Board chose Commercial Equities after reviewing proposals from realtors for the marketing of municipal property. Discussed the proposed changes for street lighting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor attended a water meeting with the City Manager.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney had no report.

Councilwoman Gradowski asked the City Attorney a few questions regarding the attorney bill.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manger discussed water meetings with the out city customers and Bay City. He reported on new proposed legislation on personal property tax. Discussion was held on the newsletter, millage proposal informational flyer and special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Connelly announced that he is an employee of Consumers Energy, according to the City Attorney is not a conflict of interest for him to discuss or vote on this issue. He announced that he will be participating in the discussion and voting on this issue.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S STREETLIGHT SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE "AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE" AGREEMENT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY.

Mantei, Rehmus:

Resolved; that the City Manager is hereby directed to inform Consumers Energy that the City of Essexville desires to convert the streetlight system to hi pressure sodium fixtures at the earliest possible date, subject to receipt and approval of an "authorization for change" document showing no upfront cost to the City for the described conversion. The City Manager is authorized to execute such document subject to concurrence by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

YES: Mantei, Rehmus, Connelly, Gradowski, Link, Lutz, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT CITY MANAGER DOUG ALEXANDER AS THE VOTING DELEGATE REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE AT THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONVENTION.
Lutz, Gradowski:

Resolved; the City Council hereby designates City Manager Doug Alexander as the voting delegate of the City of Essexville at the 2011 annual convention of the Michigan Municipal League.

YES: Lutz, Gradowski, Connelly, Link, Mantei, Rehmus, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Miscellaneous Informational Communications were received for the Council's review.

CITIZEN INPUT

Richard Link, 5 W. Sharlear, addressed the Council.

The Mayor asked if any other citizen wished to address the Council, hearing none, he continued with the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rehmus, Lutz:

Resolved; as permitted by MCLA 14.268(c) and applicable law, the City Council shall meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the city manager's annual performance evaluation.

YES: Rehmus, Lutz, Connelly, Gradowski, Link, Mantei, Tanner Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Lutz:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous Motion Carried
ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
