

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING
 FEBRUARY 12, 2013 7:00 PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Tanner called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on February 12, 2013 to order at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Clerk DeWyse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jennifer Gradowski, Thomas Rehmus, John Connelly, John Kustuch and Russell Tanner.

ABSENT: Robert Mantei and Timothy Weiler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rehmus, Gradowski:

Resolved the agenda be approved as amended, move item b. from New Business and place it as item f. under Committee Reports-Public Relations.

YES: Rehmus, Gradowski, Connelly, Kustuch, Tanner Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

CONSENT AGENDA

Connelly, Kustuch:

- A. **Resolved; the City Council hereby approves the minutes of the City Council's January 8, 2013 regular meeting and January 24, 2013 special meeting prepared and submitted by the City Clerk.**
- B. **Resolved; the amendments recommended by the City Manager to be made to previously approved appropriations within the fiscal year 2012/2013 budget, as set forth in his communication to the City Council on this subject dated January 25, 2013 are authorized.**
- C. **Resolved; the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2013 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- D. **Resolved; the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Essexville/Hampton Public School District for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2013 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- E. **Resolved; the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with the Delta College for the collection of school property taxes for the summer of 2013 such agreement subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.**
- 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 2013 federal income and poverty guidelines.**

YES: Connelly, Kustuch, Gradowski, Rehmus, Tanner Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

CITIZEN INPUT

No one addressed the Council.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Lutz, County Commissioner, was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gradowski, Rehmus:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 45 through 46 totaling \$252,008.01 and payroll voucher 47through 51 totaling \$59,262.94 for a grand total of \$79,272.80paid as stated.

YES: Gradowski, Rehmus, Connelly, Kustuch, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei was absent, no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Kustuch had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei was absent, no report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rehmus reported the state government is proposing some tax and user fee increases for road repairs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski stated Mayor Tanner will be discussing the upcoming Tall Ships celebration.

Gradowski, Connelly

WHEREAS the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club has requested of the Essexville City Council a Resolution of Support for the purpose of obtaining a CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE from the State of Michigan Gaming Control Board for the purpose of hosting a TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT in the month of May;

WHEREAS the State of Michigan requires the Essexville City Council, through this resolution, approve this CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE for the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club;

WHEREAS the City Council recognizes the Essexville-Hampton Lions Club as a nonprofit organization operating in the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of Essexville does hereby authorize the City Clerk to complete the appropriate forms as required by the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

YES: Gradowski, Connelly, Kustuch, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Connelly had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Weiler was absent, no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Mantei was absent, no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Tanner represented the City as a judge for the Chili Cook off hosted by the St. John's Youth Group at the Knights of Columbus on February 2, 2013.
- Reported on the signing of the county-wide water supply agreement and thanked Dan Hansford by giving him a standing ovation for all his hard work. Mayor Tanner also thanked Jerry Pergande for his input on the agreement.
- There will be a Mayor's viewing at Smith Park of the Tall Ships on July 11, 2013. Dan Hansford added City Staff and City Attorney are working on new rules for City parks and recreation areas.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade-he will be having a vehicle and they will discuss it at the March meeting.
- Asked everyone to review his new Committee assignments.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Discussed ordinance review in reference to rules for City parks and recreation areas. Dan Hansford said City staff is working on these rules and he will get them out to the Council in a mid-month report and will bring it to the Council for their approval in March.
- Working with the Public Safety Director regarding a possible cost-recovery ordinance.
- Discussed possible regulation of charity drop off boxes.
- Answered Councilmember Rehmus question regarding recent Michigan Supreme Court decision on medical marijuana dispensaries.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Dan Hansford reported on the selection of the Engineer chosen for the new water plan construction.
- Requested donations for the Garber High School play.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Lutz, County Commissioner, who arrived at 7:45 pm, reported on the County Commissioner's meeting, and on the continuing water contract issues.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF TWO SURPLUS TRUCKS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Gradowski, Connelly

Resolved; the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to dispose of the surplus vehicles through a sealed bid process with the funds received being added to the Motor Vehicle Fund.

YES: Gradowski, Connelly, Kustuch, Rehmus, Tanner

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Mantei, Weiler

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Councilmember Rehmus also spoke about the invitation for the Open House at Hughes School on February 20, 2013 from 2-4 pm.

Discussion held on possible sale of Hughes School to Bay Arenac ISD. Previous discussions with the Essexville-Hampton School officials talked about donating the green area to the north of the school to the City for development of a park area if they sold the building. The City Manager will contact the school district about this issue.

The previous request from the Knight of Columbus regarding the purchase of the basketball courts was also discussed.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Rehmus, Kustuch

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Russell Tanner
Mayor

Frances DeWyse
Deputy City Clerk
