

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor/Council Present: Mayor K. Billings presiding--1; J. Heckard, J. Clark, A. Goebel, R. Gage, G. Heckard, D. Seylar, B. Carlin--7

Council Absent: None--0

Staff Present: E. Burton, P. Clayton, G. Van Langen, B. Shatto, J. Finn*--5

Media Present: E. Funston (KILR), A. Petersen** (EN)--2

Others Present: Matt Schroeder, Jake Knudson, Shannon Landauer--3

Minutes

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the Feb. 6, 2023, council session.
VOTE: ayes--7

Reports

Moved by Clark, seconded by Gage to approve the Financial Statement for the month of Jan., 2023. VOTE: ayes--7

*J. Finn arrives.

Resolution No. 2394 Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2023-24

City Clerk Burton presented information on the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. The total maximum property tax levy for affected property tax levies is \$2,595,376. The amount requested represents an increase of more than 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 2023.

Mayor Billings opened the public hearing on the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. No written or oral objections were heard, and the public hearing was closed.

Gage introduced Resolution No. 2394 entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE CITY OF ESTHERVILLE, IOWA" and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Goebel.
VOTE: ayes: Gage, G. Heckard, Seylar, Carlin, J. Heckard, Clark, Goebel--7

Ordinance No. 802 Fences, Hedges, Walls & Retaining Walls

Greg Van Langen presented information on a proposed revision on the wording for fences, hedges, walls and retaining walls.

Mayor Billings opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance. No written or oral objections were heard, and the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Seylar, seconded by G. Heckard that the proposed Ordinance No. 802 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING VOLUME 2, ARTICLE 14, SECTION 14.6, SUBSECTION 1 OF THE CITY CODE OF ESTHERVILLE, IOWA, CONCERNING FENCES, HEDGES, WALLS & RETAINING WALLS" be considered for the first time. VOTE: ayes: Seylar, Carlin, J. Heckard, Goebel, Gage, G. Heckard, Clark--7

Moved by Seylar, seconded by G. Heckard that the rule requiring the previously entitled ordinance be considered on three different council meetings be waived. VOTE: ayes: Carlin, Haukoos, Gage, Heckard, Seylar--5 nays: Clark, Goebel--2 Did not pass.

**A. Peterson arrives.

Resolution No. 2395
Zoning Reclassification

Greg Van Langen, Code Enforcement Officer presented information on zoning reclassification for PT S ½ NE Lying S 7th Ave S Co Aud Plat 14-99-34 (1620 7th Ave. So.) from Commercial (C) to Agricultural (A).

Goebel introduced Resolution No. 2395 entitled “RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING AND PRESCRIBING NOTICE ON RECLASSIFYING USE RESTRICTIONS ON PT S ½ NE LYING S 7TH AVE S CO AUD PLAT 14-99-34 (1620 7TH AVE SO) ESTHERVILLE, EMMET COUNTY, IOWA” and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Seylar. (This resolution sets Mar. 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers as the time and place for the public hearing.) VOTE: ayes: Goebel, Gage, G. Heckard, Seylar, Carlin, J. Heckard, Clark--7

Iowa Lakes Corridor

Shannon Landauer, President & CEO of the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation gave an update on Emmet Co. & Estherville Retail Data, Emmet Co. Activity Update, Program Updates, Upcoming Events, and 2022 Industry Success.

Appointment

Mayor Billings presented appointment renewals for the following committees:

- a. Board of Adjustment - Rick Wilhelms term to April 2028.
- b. Cable Commission - Ron Menendez term to May 2028.
- c. Park & Recreation - Lais Nespole, Bob Jensen, & Laurel Hash terms to March 2026.
- d. Planning & Zoning Commission - Jerry Phillips & Dorothy Christensen terms to April 2028.
- e. Rental Housing - Shannon Lehmkuhl term to Jan. 2026

Moved by Seylar, seconded by G. Heckard to approve the appointments for Board of Adjustment, Cable Commission, Park & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Rental Housing Committee. VOTE: ayes--7

Electric Reliability Plan

City Clerk Burton presented the City’s Reliability Plan for approval and to authorize filing the plan with the Iowa Utilities Board.

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Carlin to approve the City’s Reliability Plan and authorize filing the plan with the Iowa Utilities Board. VOTE: ayes--7

Public Forum

- a. Roy Gage commented on the condition of sidewalks, especially near the school.
- b. Ann Goebel said Zach Edwards from WWTP gave presentation to the 5th grade class on water and wastewater and was well liked.

Updates

- a. DOT bid letting tomorrow on HMA from 5th Ave. No. to state line on Hwy. 4.
- b. Bid letting 3rd week of Mar. for the rest of Hwy. 4

Adjournment

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Gage to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. VOTE: ayes--7

Kenny Billings, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Burton, City Clerk