

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: February 9, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Dave Bosma at 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members: Jerome Wuerflein, Eleanor Bauman, Neal Honsey Absent: Paul Lair

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada, ISG: Bryan Petzel

Approval of the meeting Agenda: Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the agenda, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 4/0

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – Jan 12th & Jan 20th

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from November 11th, seconded by Bauman, motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Reconciled Checking Balance: \$138,212.96; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,418,640.40

Receipts: \$48,253.74 (UB \$20,444.53 Int \$2,695; Licenses \$293; Freeborn Co \$11,198; Fire Calls \$2,000 Fund XFRs \$5,608, Donations \$6,000, Misc \$14)

Disbursements: \$97,430.87 (General \$14,864; Water \$2,910; Sewer \$64,198; Garbage \$1,873; EFD \$1,977; 1st Resp \$2,074, Park \$1,037, Library \$2,497

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Honsey6, motion carried 4/0.

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$129,790.91 Motion made by Wuerflein to pay the bills, seconded by Bauman, motion carried 4/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

- The Environmental report responses were sent to USDA/MPCA. ISG discussed with USDA status of potential funding. USDA is receiving 50% less Federal funds and \$0 grant funds from the State in 2026. City has been directed to submit application for \$7.5MM Lagoon alone. \$2.8MM will be loan, \$4.7MM total grant, consisting of \$3MM WIF grant and \$1.7MM USDA. Directed that USDA grant amount must be under \$2MM for 2026 funding.
- Collection System and Water Mains are now in question as to funding and project viability. ISG will resubmit to PFA for protentional funding through Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) now that USDA has capped funds for just Lagoons.

Update on Part-Time Law Enforcement Officer

This discussion has been tabled for now as salary negotiations have not gone as hoped

Update on office improvements

Council chamber has been painted. Checking into cost to install LED lights in the clerk's office and council chambers. Painting still to be done in clerk's office. Several ceiling tiles need to be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wigham Trucking Street Sweeping Proposal

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept Wigham's proposal or \$1,093 for Spring 2026, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 4/0

Pay Equity Reporting – City Attorney

Motion was made by Honsey to have the City Attorney, Eythan Frandle prepare and submit the Pay Equity Report for Emmons, due to the MN Dept. of Labor Jan. 2027. Seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 4/0

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Honsey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer