

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 13, 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, Neal Honsey, Paul Lair, Eleanor Bauman

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada, ISG: Bryan Petzel, Brian Hiles

Approval of the meeting Agenda: Motion made by Lair to accept the agenda, seconded by Bauman, motion carried 5/0

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – Mar 9th & Mar 24th

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Lair, motion carried 5/0

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Reconciled Checking Balance: \$75,003.68; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,166,577.37

Motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to cash out matured City CD \$467,327 and transfer funds to 4M account, motion carried 5/0

Receipts: \$180,482.29 - UB \$20,472 Int \$2,304; Donations \$5,250; 4M Fund \$140,000, Fire Contracts \$12,431, Permits \$25

Disbursements: \$401,597 (General \$7,312; Water \$195,447; Sewer \$55,026; Garbage \$1,873; EFD \$1,918; XFR from 4M Fund \$140,000

Motion made by Honsey to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 5/0.

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$ 24,779.86 Motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

- Wastewater – PER Addendum submitted and reviewed. USDA comments to be addressed and responded to. Notification of funds to be awarded should be posted between August & September. The State will require an Archeological Survey.
- Drinking Water – New water main to be added crossing Highway 69 to PER for installation with new water tower and the new Water Treatment Plant. Updated PPL and IUP to be completed by end of June. Water tower will be a Gravity system as it is a simpler operation and backwashes can be done manually. Smaller energy footprint.
- Future billings will be issued sometime in June, July and August, construction to begin Spring 2027.
- Various forms are being prepared by the clerk for Rural Development as we get closer to funding.
- Cybersecurity concerns were discussed and how to avoid targeted attacks on new control panels that will be connected to the internet. ISG suggested that internet be connected only when data transfers are needed, keeping it unplugged when not in use.

Update 250 Year Celebration

- City is planning to reprint “A Century of History” books for sale to interested parties
- SAL is planning to give a cash prize to best decorated lawn in town
- Committee has finalized the activity agenda, sponsorship donations are being received.
- City will do a mosquito spray Friday night prior to the celebration

Update on City Hall Lighting and Office Painting

Lighting in the Fire Hall is completed, City Garage/Shop is in progress. Office will receive bulbs with brightness dimming feature. Bosma and Lair will begin painting office before the end of the month. Paint is also being purchased for the new shelter at the school playground.

Table and Bench for Playground Shelter

Motion was made by Lair, seconded by Honsey to order an ADA compliant table with backrests from Premier Polysteel of Northwood. Motion carried 5/0. Civic Improvement Club intends to sponsor a 6’ bench to match.

Update on Law Enforcement

City has an agreement with Albert Lea Police Department to pay law enforcement per hour as needed.

Wuerflein advised the council that talks are happening again with a officer the city can share with Alden.

Emmons would contract for ½ day a per week, times to vary. Council will be kept informed on the proposal as it develops.

Chicken Coops were inspected March 11th, photos of coops provided by the mayor. Permits have been paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Verizon ILA Facility Proposal to install a Fiber Optic facility on the southwest corner of Gateway Park. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to decline the proposal stating the city is not interested in this endeavor. Motion carried 5/0

City Banners are in need of replacement. Current banners are faded, cracked and torn. Motion was made by Lair to order 10 new 30” x 80” banners from Sparkling Image in Alden if they can be delivered prior to the 250th City Celebration and pricing is less than \$158/ea. Bosma will contact Emily at Sparkling Image and report back to the council. Motion was made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to proceed to order the 10 banners if pricing is feasible. Motion carried 5/0

Traffic Logix Cloud Subscription

Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to forego the cloud subscription for the digital speed sign on Hwy 69. Data can be retrieved from the sign directly when needed. Motion carried 5/0

Lead Service Line Training & Updates session in Stewartville on April 16th. Mayor Bosma will attend. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to pay the mayor’s mileage to the event. Motion carried 5/0.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer