

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 12, 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Dave Bosma at 7:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada; ISG Engineer, Bryan Petzel

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - Apr 14th

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from April 14th, seconded by Bauman, carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed. Checking Balance: \$617,486; Savings Balance: \$740,408

Receipts: \$32,243 (UB \$15,722, Donations \$3000, Fire Contracts \$11,792, Fire Calls \$1,500, Int \$203);

Disbursements: \$34,358. Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Lair, carried 4/0; Claims: \$11,623, motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Bauman, carried 4/0

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

PER/ER reports were submitted to Rural Development and MPCA. RD advised that there is a backlog of 1 year on submitted applications for funding. The ER report had to be resubmitted due to a formatting issue. Funds should be released for the Search Grant (to pay for these reports) once resubmitted. City will need to submit and “Intended Use Plan” to the state sometime in Oct/Nov to apply for a low interest loan. ISG will prepare documents for city to sign and submit.

ISG has submitted the Project Priority List (PPL) for the potential water project. Total project estimate for Wastewater and Clean Water is \$23MM. Affordability will be determined by the USDA after RD review. City is expected to receive 80% grant and 20% loan. Next step would be for the City and ISG to sign a new contract for Project Design.

Lead Service Line grant to assist with lead identification was applied for through the Dept of Health. Once approved, DoH will create a work order to begin the process of identification in town. Later an IUP application is needed for private service lines that have to be replaced to receive funding. Residents will apply through the City for the replacement funding.

Update on Digital Signs on Hwy 69

Council reviewed the quotes and determined to order one sign for now for southbound traffic. If it gets results, a second sign will be ordered for the northbound traffic.

Sheds on State Street E

Motion Made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to approve the following resolutions for address changes of 4 buildings:

RES 2025-001 Dahl shed

RES 2025-003 Estes shed

RES 2025-004 Opdahl shop

RES 2025-005 Wuerflein shed

Motion carried 4/0, clerk will send letters to the residents affected and forward the resolutions to Freeborn County Auditor's office.

School Playground Project needs completion

Grant was received last fall to complete the project. City must justify these funds were spent on the playground by November 2025 or return the funds. Lair will contact Dan Deyle to determine if he is still interested in building the 16x16 shelter that will complete the current project.

Broken Light Post at Gateway Park

Jerome Wuerflein has purchased a used pole and is working to refurbish it. Part have been ordered to be able to finish the welding. Council approved reimbursing Jerome for his expenses to complete this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crumbling Curbs Downtown

Various residents have expressed concerns regarding several areas downtown where the curb has crumbled and could become a liability. Mayor Bosma will contact the County to make them aware of the issue. The downtown streets are county roads, therefore Freeborn County's responsibility. However, as the city may be tearing up streets for the sewer project next year, we maybe able to coordinate the repairs.

City Broadleaf Spraying

Council will collect bids from 3 companies for pricing of Broadleaf spraying the city properties and ditches. Decision on who will spray to made at the next meeting.

Adjournment – motion made by Lair, seconded by Bauman to adjourn, carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. Next meeting Jun 9th, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer