

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: June 9, 2025

Time: 7:12 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Dave Bosma at 7:12 pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada; ISG Engineer, Bryan Petzel; Nicole Eckstrom, County Commissioner

Residents: Melissa Oyer, Eric Miller, Jessie Wright, Nadika Lilly, Colton Casterton, Lyndsey Buttshaw

Approval of the meeting Agenda: Added agenda item for office cleaning. Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the agenda with addition, seconded by Lair, carried 4/0

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings -May 12 Public Hearing & May 12th Regular Meeting
Motion made by Lair to accept the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 4/0

Investments were reviewed. A City CD will mature in June, the council moved to reinvest this CD into 2 separate CDs after reaching maturity. An additional CDs matures mid-July, those funds will be transferred to Savings, then the balance of the Savings will transfer to open another CD in July. Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to have the clerk make these transactions with the bank as the dates allow.

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Checking Balance: \$618,814; Savings Balance: \$740,496

Receipts: \$30,950 (UB \$16,487, Donations \$5,975 for Playground, Fire Contracts \$5,345, Fire Calls \$2,500, Int \$209; Refunds \$643. Disbursements: \$27,767. Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Lair, carried 4/0; Claims: \$17,133, motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Bauman, carried 4/0

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

ER reports has been resubmitted to Rural Development and MPCA. There is still a backlog of 1 year on submitted applications for funding. PPG Grant Funds should be released as soon as the resubmitted report has been reviewed.

The Intended Use Plan has been submitted to the state. The funding application will need to be sent in sometime in Oct/Nov to apply for a low interest loan for revolving funds. Having this will get the project started to satisfy MPCA rather than waiting on USDA for another year to complete their review and release grant funds. City signed the Owner/Engineer Contract for Services from ISG, this was just a formality as the work has been done on PER/ER reporting.

Lead Service Line replacement, PPL was sent in May for funding to pay for replacement from Main to Houses. Technical Assistance funding applied for that will record and review of home connections. These invoices are paid by the MN Dept of Health. City is waiting for the work order from the state.

GIS mapping – council declined this feature our mapping has already been completed.

Update on Digital Signs on Hwy 69

Council again reviewed the quotes and determined the sign and vendor to use. Mayor Bosma will work with the clerk to send the documents required by the state for their approval and to proceed with ordering the sign. Motion made by Lair to approve RES 2025-007 Request for Dynamic Speed Display on US Hwy 69 and to proceed with ordering the sign and complete the approval process, seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 4/0

Update on School Playground Project

Lair has contacted Dan Deyle and discussed shelter size and design. Waiting for a start date. Council is also inspecting the other equipment at the playground and will replace the hoops/nets and determine which pieces will require paint. Bolts are needed to fill whole in merry-go-round. Volunteers will do the painting. Two separate contracts will be needed, 1 for concrete, 1 for construction. Council determined that a combination lock is needed for the Pickleball storage box and hinges were replaced with bolts to help prevent tampering.

Update on Broken Light Post at Gateway Park

Jerome Wuerflein has completed the project. The light is up and functioning.

Update on Crumbling Curbs downtown

Councilmen Lair will discuss the project with Bill Rygh to get a quote, also with Kempen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for fence installation – Colton Casterton presented his plans for installing a fence at 314 Evenson St.

Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to approve. Motion carried 4/0

Welcome To Emmons sign on SB Hwy 69 needs to be replaced. Lair will get quotes for new sign with redesign.

Complaints – city received a complaint to fix the basketball hoops and backboards at the school playground. Repairs are already underway as noted above. Council also inspected the equipment needing paint.

2024 Audit – Council reviewed the financial results and comments from the audit. Results will be submitted to the OSA. No concerning issues were discovered. Audit report is available to the public at the clerk's office. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to accept audit results and sign off on the documents. Motion carried 4/0

Office cleaning – the air vents and carpets need to be cleaned. Clerk will contact vendors for service and pricing.

Nicole Eckstrom, County Commissioner – advised the Council that a new County Assessor has been hired. The council discussed the need for a crosswalk and sign at the Hwy 69 & Main St intersection. The commission will see if she can sway the State to comply with the City's previously denied request.

Adjournment – motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to adjourn, carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Next meeting Jul 14th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer