

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Date: June 9, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Purpose: To review and discuss Revisions of proposed Ordinance #82 for allowing Backyard Chickens/Quail within the city limits

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bosma at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Dave Bosma; Council Members: Jerome Wuerflein, Eleanor Bauman, Paul Lair, Neal Honsey; City Clerk, Lorry Zasada

Residents: Melissa Oyer, Jessie Wright, Eric Miller, Richard Allen, Colton Casterton, Lyndsey Buttshaw

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Mayor Bosma pointed out the revisions that included stationery coops must be raised 4-6 inches off the ground. Discussion was held whether someone requesting a permit needed to have the adjacent neighbors' approval. The residents present were against this requirement, as were the majority of the council. Neighbor approval will not be a permit requirement. The mayor, however, suggested that residents discuss with neighbors as a courtesy.

Concerns were again raised regarding the enforcement of the Ordinance and the Mayor restated he would be the front line of enforcement in town. Mayor Bosma will do inspections every 6 months unless there is a complaint, then it will be addressed at that time.

A motion was made by Wuerflein for the Council to vote and adopt Ordinance #82, seconded by Lair, motion carried 4/1. Vote results:

Ayes: Wuerflein, Lair, Bauman and Bosma

Nays: Honsey

Ordinance #82 was adopted. A motion was made by Lair to pass RES 2025-006 to send a Summary Ordinance Statement to the Albert Lea Tribune for publication on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 3/1. A copy of the Ordinance and permits are available in the Clerk's office.

Meeting Adjourned 7:12 p.m. motion by Lair, seconded by Honsey. Motion carried 4/0.

Submitted By:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer