

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: July 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; Bryan Petzel-ISG

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – May 11th

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: \$19986.64; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,219,006.66

Receipts: \$41,082 (UB \$14,730 Int \$3,617; Donations \$450; Park Rent \$450; Trf from 4M \$20,000; Misc. \$1,835)

Disbursements: \$74,725 (General \$20,185 Water \$14,578; Sewer \$13,210; Garbage \$2,576;

EFD \$4,176, 4M \$20,000)

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

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$27,033.79

Motion made by Honsey to pay the bills, seconded by Lair, motion carried 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG Update

ISG hired firm to conduct the required Archeological Survey so the Environment report can be updated and submitted to USDA-RD. PER questions have been answered and in process of completing the RD application.

Additional requirements of Bond Council, CPA, Legal Services documents have all been submitted.

Drinking water projects Intended Use Plan has been submitted. If the city requires a single audit, quote was for \$35,000 for each year needed.

Lead Service Line Testing

Five Tier 1 properties have been selected for water testing. Inventory was updated and sent back to MDH.

Update on Conference Room & Office Lighting

Danny has picked up bulbs for Conference room and a couple sample bulbs for office

Local Road Improvement Program Grants

Freeborn County advised all towns that grants are available for road improvements.

Repair State Welcome Sign

Paul will contact Dave Meyer to do the job

Broadleaf Spraying

City has one quote for park, school grounds and ditches for \$2500. Neal Honsey will contact Green's Keepers for additional quote for fall spraying.

NEW BUSINESS:

Josh Weber workshop plans

Planning to build a workshop in late fall or early spring. Size 40 x 60 x 16. Josh was advised to submit his Construction Plan when he's ready to begin and the council will review at that time.

MN Paid Leave Deductions for Election Workers and rate of pay

Cities have been advised by the State that Election Workers need to be treated as "employees" and the PFML deduction applies. Average deduction for the employee would be less than \$1.50. Motion was made by Wuerflein that the city should pay 100% of this deduction, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 5/0.

Election worker and part-time employees have been paid \$15/hr for the past several years. Motion was made by Wuerflein to increase part-time wage to \$20/hr., seconded by Honsey. Motion carried 5/0

Clerk Cellphone Allowance

The clerk uses her personal cellphone daily for city business and would like to have an allowance equal to the Maintenance Supervisor who also uses his phone for city business. Motion made by Honsey to give the clerk \$50/month cellphone allowance. Seconded by Lair, motion carried 5/0

Filing for Affidavits of Candidacy

Filing begins 7/14 goes until 7/28. Last date to withdraw affidavit is 7/30. City has 2 council seats and the mayor to fill.

Complaints

Clerk receives continuous complaints regarding the dog and kids at 217 Concord. Mayor will reach out to the Sheriff's office to see what can be done.

Councilman Honsey claims he has had multiple complaints regarding barking dogs and the chickens on Evenson. Letters to be sent to neighbors in immediate proximity asking if they are in anyway disturbed by these animals. Councilman Lair has sat on the street and found no critical issues.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, August 10th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer