

# EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Date: July 14, 2025

Time: 7:12 pm

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Dave Bosma at 7:00 pm

## **ATTENDANCE:**

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

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada

Residents: Imogene Opdahl, Audrey Sparks, Vicky Westcott

**Approval of the meeting Agenda:** Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the agenda with addition, seconded by Lair, carried 3/0

**Approval of Minutes from previous meetings** -Jun 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing & Jun 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Lair, motion carried 3/0

**Investments were reviewed.** A City CD will mature July 14th, the council moved in June, those funds will be transferred to MM Savings. Mayor Bosma is looking into various investment opportunities and will advise the council on best rates available to reinvest current savings and checking cash.

**Financial Reports** were reviewed.

Checking Balance: \$649,754.76; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 757,909.95

Receipts: \$58,854.70 (UB \$17,173, Fire Calls \$750, Int \$205, Permits \$50, Grants \$40,000

Disbursements: \$27,914.45.

Motion made by Lair to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Honsey, carried 3/0

## **Bills Due:**

Total Claims: \$62,097, motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Wuerflein, carried 3/0

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **ISG – Update**

Bryan Petzel sent an email outlining their updates: Environmental Report submitted and accepted by USDA; PPG Grant funds received; Engagement Request has been received from MN Dept Health for Lead Service Line technical assistance. ISG submitted the work plan to them for approval. MDH allows 3 months to complete records review and home inspections once approved.; ISG is working with MPCA to determine if an anti-degradation review will be required for discharge going to the stream as the current plant does.

### **Update on Digital Traffic Sign on Hwy 69**

Sign poles have been ordered; replacement power cable has also been ordered. City has reached out to the County regarding a sign "Children Playing" on Main Street to make drivers aware of children in/crossing the street by the School Playground

### **Update on School Playground Project**

Estimate for Shelter is \$9K/concrete extra \$10-15K. Councilman Lair will get quotes for concrete

### **Update on Crumbling Curbs downtown**

Council is attempting to find a construction companies to do the work and provide quotes.

**Update on office cleaning**

City has contacted several companies and is waiting for quotes on both carpet cleaning and duct cleaning.

**Welcome To Emmons sign on SB Hwy 69**

Council was presented with 2 sign designs and chose the an 8x8 design. Motion made by Wuerflein and seconded by Honsey to accept the Rick Johnson quote and proceed with the sign creation. Carried 3/0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Imogene Opdahl** brought concerns to council regarding the condition of the School Playground. Equipment still needs painting and some repairs and weeds need to be killed and cleaned out. She suggested getting volunteers from Sons of the American Legion or Sentence to Serve. Council approved her request to borrow 2 picnic tables from Gateway Park on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Trees in Alley behind Larry Peterson's old car wash.**

Two trees need to be removed from the alley. Lair will get quotes for removal.

**Adobe Acrobat Subscription**

The clerk receives several documents that are in a format not compatible with making updates, Adobe will provide document flexibility for updating and signing legal forms and converting documents into Word or Excel. Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to purchase a subscription for 3yrs for \$324. Motion carried 3/0

**City Fee Schedule**

Council has requested a copy of an Ordinance and Schedule from Alden. The clerk will modify it to suit Emmons and the council will review these documents at the next meeting.

**SEMLM Golf Outing – Wedgewood Cove July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Correspondence from SEMLM was shared with the council regarding the invitation. Golf is in the afternoon, and a dinner meeting to follow. Topic "Best Practices to keep city staff and elected officials safe" from violence and harassment.

**Arrowhead Road maintenance needed**

The gravel needs to be oiled for dust control; Councilman Honsey will contact Freeborn County Coop as they have done this for the city in past years. Motion made by Honsey, seconded by Wuerflein, carried 3/0

**Clerk will be out of the office** – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Imogene Opdahl will cover the desk.

**Letter to Residents regarding maintaining yards and cleanups needed**

Photos of the issue will be brought to the clerk who will then send out letters as needed.

**ADJOURNMENT** – motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to adjourn, carried 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Next meeting Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada  
Clerk/Treasurer