

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 11, 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 Absent: Eleanor Bauman

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada; PW: Danny Christenson

Guests: Randy Johansen, Mike Garcia

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 – July 13

Motion made by Lair to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 5/0

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Reconciled Checking Balance: \$191,399.79; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,211,007.86

Receipts: \$215,859 (UB \$16,907 Int \$3,766; Donations \$10; LGA \$64,756; Property Tax \$122,430; Fire Contracts \$4,821; Century Books \$270; State Fire Reimb \$2,897)

Disbursements: \$40,726 (General \$14,946 Water \$8,975; Sewer \$13,358; Garbage \$2,505; EFD \$942)

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

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$17,568.51

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG Update

Sewer Improvements: USDA accepted the PER; Wetland Delineation completed. USDA provide cost breakdown should hear by end of August if funding is awarded/ further design is on hold. Water Improvements: Waiting for DRAFT IUP usually released in Sept/Oct, last yr was December

Review Land Purchase Agreement

Council reviewed the signed agreement from Nov. 2024 for any additions or changes prior to a final legal Purchase Agreement is issued by attorneys. No changes were made.

Broadleaf Spraying in Fall

Motion was made by Wuerflein, seconded by Honsey to have Greens Keepers do the fall spraying of school grounds, Gateway Park and city ditches for \$2,500.

Repair State Welcome Sign

Mike Yocom and the 4H Club will do the repairs.

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.

Barking dogs – 337 Evenson St.

Letters were sent to adjacent residents asking if they feel the dogs are a problem. 1 responded "dogs are a problem", 2 responded "dogs are not an issue" and 2 did not reply. The resident with dogs told the council he will bring the dogs inside when they start barking.

NEW BUSINESS:**Change of address for Sam Fredrickson home site**

Currently the home and the Daycare have the same street address. Motion was made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to give the home site the address of 722 Todd Ave. Motion carried 5/0

GigFire Offer

GigFire sent an email asking for space on the water tower or elevator. Motion was made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to decline this offer as they already have equipment at the Coop. Motion carried 5/0.

Complaints

Received a complaint from a neighbor on Concord that the dog was tied up outside and barking from 3-5a.m. Council will reach out to Albert Lea Police Chief, Darren Hanson to discuss the agreement the city has with his department.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, September 14th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer