

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 7:00 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, Eleanor Bauman; Absent: Paul Lair

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada, County Highway Engineer: Phil Wachotz, Resident: Cole Jergens

Approval of the meeting Agenda: Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the agenda, seconded by Honsey, carried 3/0

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings -Jul 14th

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

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Checking Balance: \$159,399.43; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,387,247.97

Receipts: \$235,454 (UB \$14,351, LGA \$52,795, Freeborn Co \$125,903, Permits \$25, Int \$198, Permits \$50, Park Rsrv \$50, Donations \$70, Fire Training State Aid \$4,114, Fire Contracts \$7,417, Fire Calls \$500, Trf from Sav \$30,000, Misc \$31

Disbursements: Bills paid \$70,809, \$655,000 transferred to 4M Fund.

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

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$9,163, Motion made by Wuerflein to pay the bills, seconded by Honsey, carried 3/0

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

Bryan Petzel sent an email outlining their updates: MPCA has determined no anti-degradation review will be required for discharge going to the stream. Workorder from MDH has been received to provide technical assistance to the city to help classify water services that are still listed as “unknown” in the Lead Service Line Inventory. Letters will be sent to residents to schedule on-site visual inspections.

Update on Traffic Signs

Phil Wachotz, Freeborn County Highway Engineer addressed the council regarding cautionary signage such as “Children at Play” and why these types of signs are ineffective and the county no longer supports using these types of signs and are removing them across the state. City requested a speed study be done on Cty Hwy 14 coming into town from the north to possibly change the speed limit to 45 mph at city limits and then lowering the limit to 30 mph at Oak and Main St. The county will be installing a new digital sign on Cty Hwy 14. Phil also informed the council that micro-surfacing will begin 8/20 in Freeborn County. County Hwy 17 to US Hwy 69 will be impacted.

Update on School Playground Project

Councilman Lair has a quote to complete the concrete slab at the playground, which also include repairing the 4 sections of curb downtown for \$7000-7500. Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Bauman to accept the bid and have the work done. Motion carried 3/0

Council will send a letter to Sons of the American Legion for volunteers to repair & paint old playground equipment.

Update on office duct cleaning

Ducts have been cleaned by Stine Duct Cleaning for \$1000, price and work approved by 3 council members.

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

Quotes were obtained for \$1500/ea for alley trees and \$500/ea trees at Gateway Park. Mayor Bosma suggested the city take the trees down themselves. More discussion on this topic needed at the September meeting.

City Fee Schedule

Council reviewed a copy of an Ordinance and Schedule provided by Alden. The clerk will modify it to suit Emmons and the council will review and adopt an Ordinance and fee schedule at the September meeting.

Building Construction Authorization

Request from the Ross Leonhardi, County Building Inspector, for the city to authorize a porch remodel at 279 McKinley Street was reviewed. Motion made by Honsey, seconded by Wuerflein to approve the building request. Form was signed by the mayor and will be returned to Leonhardi.

Cole Jergens and Nadika Lilly – Chicken Coop

Cole addressed the council asking permission to turn a small shed that exists on the property into a chicken coop. Council approved the request.

Annual Water Connection Fee

The state has notified the city that the annual connection fee will go up in January 2026 from \$9.72 to \$15.22 per connection. Utility billing will reflect the new rate on the 2/1/2026 invoices.

Clerk will be out of the office – Aug 28-Sept 2, Julie Schewe will cover the desk.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Honsey to adjourn, seconded by Wuerflein. Motion carried 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Next meeting Sep 8th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer