

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: September 8, 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; Paul Lair

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada, ISG-Bryan Petzel, Residents: Danny Peterson, John Tidemann

Approval of the meeting Agenda: Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the agenda, seconded by Honsey, carried 4/0

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings -Aug 11th

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Bauman, motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Checking Balance: \$162,305.36; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,389,790.63

Receipts: \$25884 (UB \$19,063, Int \$2421.34, EFD Rebate \$100, Park Rsrv \$50, Donations \$3500, Fire Calls \$750)

Disbursements: Bills paid \$20,909.

Motion made by Honsey to accept the financial reports as stated, seconded by Lair, carried 4/0

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$10,697, Motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Wuerflein, carried 4/0

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

Workorder from MDH has been received to provide technical assistance to the city to help classify water services. 30 are “unknown”, 10 need review. Report due end of October. PRE/EV still under review by USDA.

Intended Use Plan (IUP) has been submitted for lagoon, lift stations and forced mains, tower and wells. City in 2025 is ranked 24th on the Priority list, still in fundable range and will qualify for low interest loans. ISG proposal being prepared for the Design phase of project. Surveys will be done after harvest. Loan funding will not affect grant value. Proposal will be submitted in June 2026. Dave Bosma may need to be reimbursed for loss of seed.

Update on School Playground Project

Paint has been purchased to refurbish older equipment. Rough edges on some equipment will be sanded down. Stakes have been placed for the concrete slab. Motion was made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to remove the chain link fence around the old baseball diamond, carried 4/0

City Fee Schedule – Ordinance #83

Council adopted Ordinance #83 Fee Schedule. Approved ordinance and fees will be posted to emmons.municipalimpact.com website and is available in the Clerk’s office for review. Motion made by Wuerflein to adopt the fee schedule ordinance, seconded by Lair, carried 4/0

Welcome to Emmons sign is finished. Rick Johnson is working with Danny to get supplies needed to mount the new sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

250 National Celebration – Danny Peterson and John Tidemann representing the Sons of the American Legion addressed the council regarding tentative plans to have a celebration in Emmons. SAL would like every home to fly a flag that will be provided by SAL. Council recommended to expand on the celebration and get together a committee including various town clubs, the church and business owners. Dave Bosma volunteered to represent the city.

RES 2025-008 – 2026 PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Council reviewed revenue and expenses and discussed future costs. Motion was made by Wuerflein to propose the same Levy as last year (\$197,436) plus an additional \$12,000 and review again in December before the Final Levy is due. Seconded by Lair, carried 4/0

2026 BUDGET – current revenue and expense reports were provided to the council for review and discussion at the October meeting. Council will review Comp Hrs and Employee Benefits in October to be included in the budget.

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS - Council voted to send letters to residents at 273 Park, 456 Main and 534 Main due to various resident complaints and observations. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Honsey, carried 4/0

SEWER FLOW METER REPLACEMENT – motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to authorize purchase of new Flow Meter (approx \$8000) needed at the Sewer plant.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Lair to adjourn, seconded by Wuerflein. Motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next meeting, TUESDAY (Monday is a Federal holiday), Oct 14th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer