

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: September 14, 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; Jeremy Waters, Thompson Sanitation

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – August 10th

Motion made by Wuerflein to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Honsey, motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Reconciled Checking Balance: \$176,932.19; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,226,494.73

Receipts: \$19,654.88 (UB \$15,111; Int \$3,819; Donations \$500; Park Fees \$75; Misc Rev \$150

Disbursements: \$30,366.21 (General \$9,605; Water \$2,371; Sewer \$9,969; Garbage \$1,873;

EFD \$6,548)

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

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$7,569.92

Motion made by Lair to pay the bills, seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 4/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG Update

SEWER PROJECT:

Letter of Conditions received from USDA for Sewer Treatment Improvement Project. Total cost \$7,355,000. City has requested that the Land purchase and Easement to be done in January 2027. ISG is working to complete final design and bids should begin after MPCA review. Mayor and clerk are determining when the city will need to borrow funds. Midi loan is used up to bidding for engineering. When the city does the design review and approval, a new contract will be needed with ISG for this phase of the project. There is a CRP loan of \$1,293 to be added to the cost of the land purchase. An outlet agreement will be required.

DRINKING WATER PROJECT:

Waiting on Intended Use Plan (IUP) to be completed, expected 9/28/27. Final plans and specifications due March 31 to be approved by June 30. Bryan will provide figures for next meeting. WIF grant should still be available for this project.

MRWA Interim Loan Application

Decision tabled until after the 1st of the year. Mike Bubany, David Drown Associates, will be invited to attend a council meeting when interim funding is needed.

Community Service Office

Council reviewed proposal from Alden. Jerome will work to negotiate \$8,000 - \$10,000/year @ \$80/hr. flat rate only, no extra fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 2026-9 Thompson Sanitation Contract Renewal

Jeremy Waters presented the council with the new contract that will be effective January 2027 thru December 2032. New monthly rate of \$2218.50 (to be increased 2% every 2 years + a fuel surcharge based on a percentage of MN average diesel price. Motion made by Lair to accept the new contract, seconded by Wuerflein, motion carried 4/0

RES 2026-8 Proposed Tax Levy Payable in 2027

Motion was made by Lair, seconded by Honsey to add a 5% proposed increase to tax bills for 2027. Motion carried 4/0. Final Levy will be voted on and due to the County Auditor in December. Proposed amounts can be reduced at that time, but not increased.

Review 2026 Budget to Actuals

In prep for the 2027 Budget, actuals expenses to date compared to Budget were discussed. Upcoming expenses expected next year were discussed: Infrastructure projects and new fire truck. Utility rates were also discussed. Temporarily the sewer rate change effective January will be approximately \$50/mo. Further discussion is needed. To obtain project funding, the city will be required to raise both water and sewer rates per the Letter of Conditions agreed upon with the State. Council will receive the proposed 2027 Budget for review at the October meeting.

Letters to Residents

The council discussed various properties that are in violation of City and or State Code. Letters outlining the violations will be sent to residents with photos of their individual violations with a date the problem is to be corrected and any penalty thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Lair, seconded by Wuerflein to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, October 13th (due to Federal Holiday, Monday the 12th), at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer