

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 10, 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: Paul Lair, Jerome Wuerflein, Eleanor Bauman, Neal Honsey

City Clerk: Lorry Zasada, ISG: Bryan Petzel, County Commissioner: Nicole Eckstrom

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – Oct 14th

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

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Checking Balance: \$177,368.55; Savings & CDs Balance: \$ 1,354,027.43

Receipts: \$55,058.10 (UB \$17,107 Int \$2,401, Grants \$4,000, Donations \$50, Permits \$25), Fire Calls \$1500,
Trf from Investments \$30,000

Disbursements: \$60,706.22

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

Bills Due:

Total Claims: \$34,393.62, Motion made by Wuerflein to pay the bills, seconded by Honsey carried 4/0. Clerk is authorized to transfer \$30,000 from the 4M account to the General Fund to pay the bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

ISG – Update

Lead Service Line report submitted to Dept of Health. Bryan provided an updated project timeline. Based on the timeline, council will defer applying for any loans until necessary (most likely next June) as the city has enough funds to cover the project expenses through March or April 2026. City will continue to pursue additional grant funding as they become available.

Update on School Playground Project

The wood posts and roof line need to be painted. City will look for volunteers to complete the project.

Update on Part-time Law Enforcement

The cities of Freeborn, Alden and Emmons will potentially hire an officer full-time. Emmons will pay for 4 hrs/week and has requested those hours be flexed between day and night. Committee is still working out the details.

Digital Display Sign

Council reviewed the traffic data of the new sign. City has free access to data through July 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:**Audit 2025**

Council was updated on the new MN laws for cities with <2500 residents and <\$1,000,000 in revenue stating that an audit is only required every 5 years. Council will check with a Financial Advisor if Emmons will need to have an audit performed for 2025. Last year's audit cost \$8,500

Donation request from Glenville-Emmons High School Prom

Council declined to donate to the High School Prom as our students go to 4 different schools and the city has not donated in the past.

New MN Law – MN Paid Leave

All Minnesota employers are now required to participate in the new Paid Leave program. Employees will pay .44% deducted from their pay and small employers will pay .22% through the State on a quarterly basis.

Freeborn County Special Assessment for delinquent utilities

Due to the county by November 30th. Motion made by Lair and seconded by Honsey to submit the 2026 Resolution for delinquent accounts to the county to be applied to the 2026 property tax roll. Letters to be sent to the residents involved. Motion carried 4/0

Renewal of Liquor and Tobacco Licenses

Motion made by Wuerflein, seconded by Lair to renew all current licenses for 2026, carried 4/0

County Updates - County Commissioner Nicole Eckstrom updated the council on the following:

- County Tax Levy is currently set at 15%, they are working to look for ways to reduce that amount.
- Proposed Battery Energy Storage System in Glenville, documents will be submitted to the Public Utility Commission for their review.
- County will be amending their Cannabis ordinance – growing must be done in an Industrial area. Smaller growers are requesting Conditional Use Permits.
- Moratorium on data centers, due to land and energy consumption issues. New ordinances will be issued.
- Lobbyist are working to repeal ordinances on Nuclear Energy, wanting to install mini nuclear plants (take up 25-50 acres each)
- Multiple public hearing happening in the area regarding High Voltage Power lines, county does not have a say in this initiative but has been in constant contact with the Public Utilities Commission.
- Law change regarding Deer hunting with rifles to be allowed by Freeborn County and the State between I-90 & I-94

ADJOURNMENT – motion made by Lair to adjourn, seconded by Honsey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:325 p.m. Next meeting, Monday December 8th, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer