

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: December 9, 2024

Time: 7:25 pm

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Paul Henschel at 7:25 pm, immediately following the Public Hearing to discuss the Proposed Cannabis Zoning Ordinance #80

Attendance:

Council Members: Imogene Opdahl, Gary Sorbo, Eleanor Bauman; Paul Lair

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada; City Attorney, Ashley Olson,

Residents Jerome Wuerflein, Dave Bosma, Neal Honsey; Engineer Bryan Petzel

Approve Minutes of November 20th Meetings – motion made by Opdahl to approve minutes from the November Public Hearing and the regular council meetings from 11/20, seconded by Lair, motion carried 4/0

Approval of Dec 9 Agenda – approved with the addition of the Cannabis Ordinance and Resolutions mentioned below. Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Lair to approve the modified agenda; motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed. Total Savings \$666,837; Total Receipts \$35,512: Donation \$10,000 from Am Legion for the Veterans Memorial. Fund, Grant from SMNIF \$4,954 for Playground, \$5345 Silver Lake-Fire Services; Utility Receipts \$15,213; Total Disbursements \$83,553, Total Checking: \$491,484 Motion made by Lair, seconded by Sorbo to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried 4/0.

Claims for Payment - Council reviewed claims to be paid of \$19,557, motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Lair to pay the bills. Motion carried 4/0.

Old Business:

Engineering Update – Bryan Petzel gave an update on compliance with the MPCA Stipulation Agreement. ISG will request using a different format for reporting rather than the rigid timetable as the city is dependent on outside resources in completing some tasks. Search Grant has been submitted, just waiting for approval by the USDA. ISG is working on the Environmental Report and Amendments to the Preliminary Engineering Report that is needed for USDA RD funding, Lenny Larson, Bryan Petzel and Brian Hills met with Dave Bosma and Danny Christenson to look at the proposed lagoon site. Dave Bosma sent topography and tile maps to ISG. The application to RD Apply will include all options considered for the Sewer Project including: 1) Do Nothing (which will not be acceptable to the MPCA), 2) Repair the current mechanical plant (which also will not satisfy the MPCA and questionable longevity), 3) Cast in place pipe (less intrusive), 4) total replacement (higher cost) or 5) a combination of 3 & 4 (best price option)

Final Tax Levy & Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills – Council determined the Levy will stay at the same amount as last year, no increase. Motion made by Opdahl to accept the Levy and send to Freeborn County Auditor, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 4/0

New Business:

Approve Cannabis Zoning Ordinance 81. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Sorbo to adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried 4/0

Approve RES 2024-12 to delegate authorization to Freeborn County to License and Police Cannabis Businesses in Emmons. Motion made by Opdahl to adopt the resolution, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 4/0

Approve RES 2024-13 to publish a Summary of Ordinance 80 in the Albert Lea Tribune. Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Lair, Motion carried 4/0

Approve Land Rent Payment to Dave Bosma for the city to dump snow on his property – motion made by Lair, seconded by Opdahl to approve \$175 to paid annually until revised or cancelled in the future. Motion carried 4/0

Discuss rules for Pre-paid Annual Water and Sewer (4,000 gal/mo vs 48,000/yr) – clerk will discuss billing options with Banyon and do a financial analysis to bring to council meeting in January.

Approve payment to Veteran's Memorial Fund for \$10,000.00 to reimburse a portion of the concrete expenses. Jerry Thompson provided a copy of the invoice for the concrete purchased. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Opdahl to make the payment, motion carried 4/0

Discuss hiring a Temp Employee for Clerk time off – discussion was tabled until January meeting

Approve PTO payout to Danny Christenson for 100 Hrs of unused PTO – motion made by Lair, seconded by Opdahl to process the payment with the 12/25 payroll. Motion carried 4/0

2025 MANDATORY STATE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Years Day - Jan 1	-	Labor Day - Sep 1	-
Martin Luther King Day - Jan 20	-	Indigenous Peoples Day - Oct 13	
President's Day - Feb 17	-	Veteran's Day - Nov 11	
Memorial Day - May 26	-	Thanksgiving - Nov 27	
Juneteenth - Jun 19	-	Day after Thanksgiving - Nov 28	
Independence Day - Jul 4	-	Christmas Day - Dec 25	

League of MN Cities Elected Officials Training – motion made by Lair, seconded by Sorbo to send Mayor, Dave Bosma to the training in February and pay his expenses. Motion carried 4/0

Adjournment

Motion was made by Opdahl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lair. Motion Carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Next meeting to be held Monday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lorry Zasada, Clerk/Treasurer