

# EMMONS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

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Date: December 9, 2024

Time: 7:00 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

Meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall to consider taking actions to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding the regulation of Cannabis and Hemp Businesses and the public use of Cannabis and Hemp products within the city of Emmons. City Attorney, Ashley Olson, provided an overview of the proposed zoning ordinance. All questions were addressed satisfactorily.

City Attorney advised that Emmons should delegate the licensing and permits to Freeborn County through adopting a Resolution for a Joint Powers Agreement. The County will catch all compliance issues. There are 14 types of businesses that could apply for permitting. The city has some authority in setting hours of operations within reason and state statute guidelines. Events can be from 10am to 9pm for 4 consecutive days. Normal business operations can be between 10am to 9pm.

The number of retailers is limited to population count (3 for Freeborn County) 2 are already designated for Albert Lea.

As no further questions were brought forward, a motion was made by Lair to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sorbo. Motion carried 4/0, meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lorry Zasada, Clerk/Treasurer