

MEETING MINUTES EMMONS CITY COUNCIL

Date: June 10, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Paul Henschel, Mayor

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Paul Henschel at 7:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council Members: Imogene Opdahl, Eleanor Bauman, Gary Sorbo, Paul Lair; City Clerk, Lorry Zasada
Guests: C.J. Gross (ISG); County Commissioner, Nicole Ekstrom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Opdahl to accept the agenda, seconded by Bauman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to accept the minutes from meetings held April 15th, May 8th, May 13th and May 20th by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was made to accept the financial reports which included the May Cash Statement, Receipts and Disbursements, Savings and MM accounts made by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman. Motion carried. Council signed Cash Statement for Audit reporting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS (CLAIMS)

A motion made by Sorbo to approve payment of June bills, seconded by Bauman. Motion carried. Council signed off on list of Claims presented for Audit reporting.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

- Engineering Report
 - MPCA Stipulation Agreement responses are completed and have been accepted by the MPCA
 - In discussions with the USDA, C.J. has determined that the PER does NOT need to be completed to apply for the PPG Search Grant. City to hold any further Engineering bills until the grant is approved. Should receive between \$30K-\$60K to help pay cost of PER.
 - C.J. will draft the "Notice of Intent" and schedule a Public Meeting required for RD Apply, sending the notice to Albert Lea Tribune to comply with the minimum 10 days in advance notice.
 - Brian Petzel will meet with Danny to review results of survey of collection system completed, NW section of town is high priority.
 - C.J. will prepare the Cost Comparisons for the Continuous Discharge vs Aerated Pond systems for the PER and review with the council sometime in August. Aerated ponds are less expensive to build, but can cost more on the O&M (maintenance, chemical and energy expenses) over time.

- Nicole Ekstrom updated the council on the latest information regarding the new Cannabis permit laws and how the State is issuing permits early but they do not have a process completely in place to manage it. Nicole recommends the city issue an Interim Ordinance/Moratorium to delay permits until more information from the State is available to communities.
- A motion was made to accept Paul Lair as Interim Councilman to fill current vacancy by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman, motion carried 4 Ayes 0 Nays.
- Randy Johansen addressed the council with an update on information received on the Bell house on 2nd Ave. He has been in contact with the bank and the owner to push them to move forward in deciding what to do with the house.
- Council reviewed homeowner requests for home improvements and found no issues in allowing the improvements.
- Resident brought forward an idea to turn the Gateway Park ball diamond into a dog park. Council is not currently pursuing this idea.
- Trees on Lake Street are blocking the view for drivers at the corner of Evenson and Lake. Homeowners to be informed to trim their trees.
- A motion was made to order a city credit card with a limit of \$1000 by Lair, seconded by Opdahl. Motion carried.

OTHER TOPICS:

- Mayor will reach out to city attorney to send a letter to 157 Main St to remove the green paint from the building.
- Letters are to be sent to residents regarding city nuisance violations allowing 25 days to clean up or legal action will be taken
- Street repair for Curb and gutter on Concord and Main – Mayor will contact County Garage and get a permit to repair. May be able to fix at the same time concrete is poured for new Vet Memorial sidewalks. Mayor will ask Danny Christenson to coordinate with Koeppen.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made by Opdahl and seconded by Lair. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Jul 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lorry Zasada

Clerk/Treasurer