

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 20, 2024

Time: 7:13 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Paul Henschel at 7:13 pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada; Jerome Wuerflein, Jake Wuerflein, Dave Bosma

Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Sorbo to approve the Agenda, motion carried 4/0

Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Sorbo to accept the minutes from 10/9, 10/14 and 10/29; motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed. Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Lair to approve the Financial Reports. Total Savings \$666,569.72, Total Checking \$530,928.50, Total Receipts \$12,324.20, Total Disbursements \$28,653.12. Motion carried 4/0.

Council reviewed and approved claims to be paid of \$73,212.38, motion made by Lair, seconded by Bauman to pay the bills. Motion carried 4/0.

New Business:

Engineering and Land Proposal

ISG visited the future site of the proposed Lagoon System with Dave Bosma and Danny Christenson. Dave Bosma came to the meeting with a Land Agreement for council review. Motion made by Lair to accept Dave's proposal and stipulations, seconded by Sorbo, Motion carried 4/0

Review and approval of past due utility bills for Special Assessment

Council voted to certify for County Assessment motion made by Lair, seconded by Opdahl. Letters have been sent out to residents affected. Final Assessment will be sent to county Dec 27th for accounts still unpaid at that time.

Review and Adoption of RES 2024-1106 – Joint Powers Agreement for Purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emmons Fire Department

State mandates equipment be replaced on a scheduled timeframe. JPA give the EFD best pricing available. Motion made by Opdahl to approve the RES 2024-1106, seconded by Lair, motion carried 4/0.

HSA Change in Contribution for 2025

Motion made by Sorbo, seconded by Bauman to pay into the HSA for 2025 at \$4.68 per regular hours worked up to a maximum of \$9,550.00 for the year. Motion carried 4/0

2025 Annual Employee Salary increase

Motion made by Lair, seconded by Bauman to increase salaries of the city employees by 3% effective with first payroll in January 2025. Motion carried 4/0

Review PayStar payment volume

Council reviewed transaction history to date. Residents using PayStar created 67 transactions amounting to \$7,765.71 since August. Council agreed to continue with the program.

Review quote for Lockbox Receptacle to receive city utility payment

Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman to have a locked receptacle added to the lobby entrance for customer secure payments. Motion carried 4/0

Authorize Jason Hill to draft a proposed revision to the city's zoning ordinance.

Jason's law firm will assist the city with limits in the city where cannabis can be sold, grown or stored. Motion made by Lair to authorize Jason Hill to make necessary changes, seconded by Opdahl, motion carried 4/0. Hartland has a "Point of Sale" ordinance the council would like to review.

Old Business:

Review and approve final Stipulation Order - Sabin Property 117 Main St

Council approved signing of the Stipulation Order but informed our city attorney that the city will only be involved in cleaning up the exterior of the main building and garage and fixing the garage door so it will close. Motion made by Lair, seconded by Sorbo to approve the Stipulation Order as written. Motion carried 4/0. Council also decided that the city should use Sentence to Serve which will handle the task for free, rather than contracting with Helping Hands at a significant charge to the city.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Lair to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Opdahl. Motion Carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for December 9th at 7:15 p.m. following 7:00 Public Hearing for Cannabis Zoning

Respectfully Submitted By:

Clerk/Treasurer