

EMMONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: October 14, 2024

Time: 7:01 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Paul Henschel at 7:01 pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

City Clerk, Lorry Zasada; City Attorney, Matt Benda, John Tidemann, Samuel Lozano, Maureen (Crisis Center)

Absent: Paul Lair

Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman to approve this Agenda; motion carried 4/0

Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Bauman to accept the minutes from Sep 9th; motion carried 4/0

Financial Reports were reviewed. Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Sorbo to approve the Financial Reports. Total Savings \$716,563, Total Checking \$546,945, Total Disbursements \$125406 (which included a transfer of \$100,000 to a CD). Motion carried 4/0.

Council reviewed claims to be paid of \$16,573, motion made by Bauman, seconded by Sorbo to pay the bills. Motion carried 4/0.

New Business:

October is Domestic Violence Month. Maureen from the Criminal Victims Crisis Center addressed the council and provided yard signs and light bulbs to be handed out to anyone who would like to add them to their yards. Unused signs and bulbs will be available to anyone wanting them for next year.

Budget Review – Council will review and approve the proposed 2025 budget on October 29th at the Special Meeting. Council will discuss employee salary increases for 2025 at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor and Council Salaries for 2025. Ordinance needs to be adopted specifying the salary changes, when they will take effect and when funds would be disbursed (i.e. annually). Council will discuss with Matt Benda and include in the Public Hearing scheduled for November.

Engineering Summary – Now that harvest has been completed, an onsite visit will be scheduled with Dave Bosma and the ISG Waterwater team for Lagoon planning. ISG is keeping the MPCA updated on the Stipulations agreed upon. We continue to wait on the USDA regarding the Search Grant funding. Also waiting to receive televised data from Empire Pipe that will allow ISG to complete the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report).

Old Business:

Lozano Shed Decision – Council has decided to grant a Conditional Use Permit to be drafted by the City Attorney per Special Meeting on October 9th. Council will review the permit draft and hold a public hearing in November to adopt the Conditional Use Permit with specific criteria that the owner needs to abide by.

Playground Improvements

Imogene Opdahl shared that there are citizens that would like to have a pickleball net install at the Old School Playground. Motion made by Opdahl to order a Pickleball Net and have a secure box installed to hold the net at the playground. Seconded by Sorbo, motion carried 4/0. Paul Henschel will contact Rick Johnson to make the box to store the net. The city will add a padlock that only the Pickleball group will have the combination. Council also noted that the city should order new hoops and backboards for the Basketball court. Council stated that the balance bar and little animal spring equipment should be removed as they are old and worn and/or possibly dangerous.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Opdahl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sorbo. Motion Carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Clerk/Treasurer