

MEETING MINUTES EMMONS CITY COUNCIL

Date: September 9, 2024

Time: 7:02 PM

Meeting called to order by: Paul Henschel, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Guests: Nicole Eckstrom

Residents: Samuel Lozano

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Lair to accept the agenda, seconded by Bauman. Motion carried 4/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Opdahl to accept the minutes from Aug 12th, seconded by Lair, motion carried 4/0

APPROVAL OF DONATIONS

Motion made by Opdahl to accept all donations received in August, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 4/0

Amt	Date	Remitter	Description
\$100.00	8/16/2024	GREEN BAY PKG	FIRE DEPT DONATION
\$10.00	8/23/2024	B MCDONALD	FIRE DEPT DONATION FROM J SVEEN MEMORIAL

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was made by Lair to accept the financial reports which included the August Cash Statement, August Disbursements, Savings and MM accounts, seconded by Sorbo. Motion carried 4/0. Council signed Cash Statement for Audit reporting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS (CLAIMS)

A motion made by Opdahl to approve payment of July bills, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 4/0. Council signed off on list of Claims presented for Audit reporting.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Samuel Lozano came to the council to request leaving the shed on his property on Emmons Ave. Council made a motion to table the discussion until they explore the Conditional Use Permit option or the potential requirements in rezoning Emmons Ave with the City Attorney. Motion made by Opdahl, seconded by Lair. Motion carried 4/0.

Council reviewed the proposed Budget for 2025 based on income and expenses in 2024 to date which in turn helps to calculate the Proposed Tax Levy for 2025. Lair made a motion to adopted Resolution 2024-0909

Approving the 2024 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2025 in the amount of \$207436 will be submitted to the County Auditors Office by the Clerk. Motion seconded by Sorbo, motion carried 4/0.

Council discussed whether or not to increase utility rates for 2025. Motion was made by Lair to leave water and sewer at \$40/ea, and for residents paying a year in advance \$38/ea. Discount on Garbage will no longer be given as the city has to pay Thompson Sanitation at regular price. Motion seconded by Sorbo, motion carried 4/0.

Clerk advised the council that the City Attorney is including Emmons in the engagement of an individual to complete the Cannabis Moratorium Study. This will assist the city in formulating any zoning or other regulations that will be required.

New play equipment at the old school playground has been installed. Council would like to thank all those involved, including Roger Olson, Paul Lair, Neal Honsey, Danny Christenson, Nate Christenson, Perry Erickson, Louis Rygh. Council noted there are still equipment painting and repairs still to be done. Imogene Opdahl will reach out to Dan Diely when the city is ready to begin phase II of the project, the shelter structure.

The street repair on Concord and Main is in progress. The curb has been repaired; Danny is working with the county to get the street patched to their standard.

Nicole Eckstrom, our County Supervisor shared information regarding Freeborn County Sheriff's Office Updates to Hazard Mitigation Plan they are looking for public input. She also shared information from FEMA and for those who were affected by flooding in June and July and where to contact them.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made by Lair and seconded by Opdahl to close the meeting. Motion carried 4/0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Lorry Zasada
Clerk/Treasurer