

EMERSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Special Meeting of the Emerson City Council Monday April 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester St.

Mayor Rob Erickson called the Special Meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Monday April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Emerson. This meeting is being recorded. Roll Call: Max Austin, Dave Galley, Herb Petereit, Judy Magers and Mayor Rob Erickson Absent: none Others present: Carl Newsome, Maxine Wilkinson, Phil Kudron, Vicki Kudron, Blake Birkel, Sheila Petereit and City Clerk Kimberly Nelson

Moved by Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petereit to approve the Agenda with the addition of 4-B Councilperson Magers to speak and Councilperson Austin has prepared a power point presentation for later in the meeting. 4-Ayes Motion carried

Resident's opportunity to speak: Phil Kudron would like to address the Council after discussion of #9 & 10 on the Agenda.

Judy Magers addressed the council that she had been made aware of some residents of the City of Emerson having been in an establishment in Red Oak berating the City Council, Administration and employees. It was said that they were embarrassed, embarrassed for the said residents and the City because they very loud. Magers felt they should bring any concerns they may have to the Council an establishment embarrassing bystanders, themselves and the City.

JEO Consulting Group Infrastructure Planning for the City of Emerson - Blake Birkel: Final drafts of the 2015 Water System Preliminary Report and the 2015 Wastewater Facility Plan for the City of Emerson were distributed. Blake discussed the 20 year period recommendations phasing plan of each and any questions were answered. Some notes included the age of our water infrastructure with an average usage overage of 22%, most Cities with 15% would be concerning, normal would be 10%. We need to look at a new well in the future. Phil Kudron stated there has been testing for a new well on Bradford St. Our water mains need to be 6" or larger, currently 87% are 4" or smaller. The City's water system has shown a financial loss of \$9,700 per year the last 3 years. Our sewer system is a gravity collection system installed in the 1920's. 10-15% have been slip lined. 50% more probably need relined. The lines will need televised to find problem areas and to be able to request funding. Our lagoons have never been dredged and we will need to plan for its completion. The Council will read through the reports for approval at the May 2015 Regular Council Meeting. JEO will then send the reports to IDNR for eligibility review for SRF, USDA, AND CDBG funding

Councilperson Petereit left meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Moved by Galley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin to approve the new updated Sidewalk Program Application Forms. All Ayes Motion Carried

Moved by Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Galley to approve the new updated Building Permit Application and Approval Forms. All Ayes Motion Carried

Councilperson Austin presented a power point to add to the upcoming discussion of proposed water and sewer rate increases. April 2009 was the last water rate increase and July 1997 was the last sewer rate increase. Rate examples/comparisons will be posted on our website [www.emersonia.org](http://www.emersonia.org) and at City Hall.

Moved by Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Galley to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading Amending Ordinance Chapter 92 - Water Rates Section 92.02 Emerson Code of Ordinances Roll Call: Austin, Magers and Galley Motion Carried

Moved by Galley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Austin to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading Amending Ordinance Chapter 99 - Sewer Service Charges 99.02 Emerson Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Magers, Austin and Galley Motion Carried

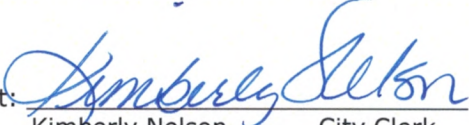
Phil Kudron addressed the Council with his feeling on the rate increases. He felt concern for the seniors in town on a fixed budget and would like to see water rates gradually increased instead of all at once. He knows that the sewer rates need increased badly.

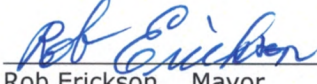
Amending Ordinance Chapter 135 - Street Use and Maintenance Addition Dumping of Snow Emerson Section 135.12 Emerson Code of Ordinances

Moved by Austin, no second, to approve Amending Ordinance Chapter 135. Motion failed

Items for May 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda: Galley questioned appointment of new Councilperson.

Moved by Councilperson Galley, seconded by Magers to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes Motion carried

Attest:   
Kimberly Nelson City Clerk

  
Rob Erickson Mayor