

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
MEETING WAS HELD IN EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER
AND ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM**

Mayor Larry Johnson called the regular meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. in Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester Street.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Councilperson Ann Roth, Randy Gray, Cathy Bruce, and Mike Branigan
Absent: Councilperson Bob Huntsman

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Bruce, Branigan, Roth, and Gray
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to approve consent agenda:

*Minutes from regular meeting of March 16, 2022

*Warrants for March 2022

*Financial Report for March 2022

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Bruce, Branigan, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to approve claims for April 2022, in the amount of \$21,240.43

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Bruce, Branigan, Roth, and Gray
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Visitors Opportunity to speak: None

Tom Honeyman explained the proposed CO2 pipeline that is being considered to be placed just east of Emerson, just over the Montgomery County line. It is Summit Pipeline that would be a stainless steel high pressure pipeline that is going across Iowa all the way to Highway 59, and then north. The company is trying to get imminent domain granted. If this happens, there is concern for the safety of residents of Emerson. Jan Norris was also present and participated in the discussion. It was asked of the Council to send a letter of opposition to the Iowa Utilities Board to oppose the imminent domain. There was no action taken.

Fire Department report, given by Todd Franks:

*County burn ban goes into effect tomorrow morning at 8:00 am

*Garage doors are fixed

*New router has been installed

*Battery backup protection is installed

*Microsoft Office has not yet been installed

*Tanker needs tuned up – it's top speed is 40-50 mph

Mike Formhals will assist in the collection of the city's electronic items for recycling. The dumpster will be placed inside with items coming from city hall, fire department, and library.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to approve request from Ashley Greedy to use Evans Park picnic table area on May 29, 1-4 pm for a birthday party

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Bruce, Branigan, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

No action taken on personnel for the monthly deep cleaning of the community building.

Individuals will be contacted to see about interest.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Bruce to direct City Clerk to revise papers for community building rentals and inspection sheet that would allow alcohol in the building as discussed and bring back to next meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Construction bid requirements and the Evans Park bathroom renovation was discussed.

Councilperson Roth will join Councilperson Huntsman and City Maintenance Todd Franks to get ideas and prices.

Moved by Councilperson Bruce, seconded by Roth to approve Councilpersons Roth and Gray to choose a tree(s) that be planted in Evan Park for Arbor Day, with authorization based on the \$1,000 MidAmerican grant and tree availability.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Bruce, Branigan, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

A Proclamation to celebrate the observance of Arbor Day on April 29, 2022 was acknowledged.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to leave the two cashed CD's (one water and one general) in the city's checking account.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Bruce, Branigan, Roth, and Gray
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Bruce, seconded by Gray to have Red Oak Wastewater do the mosquito spraying for 2022.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to authorize Mayor to sign the Southwest Iowa Housing Program Payment Approval to August Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$684.00 for the asbestos inspection of 408 Manchester.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Bruce, Branigan, Roth, and Gray
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Bruce to approve the 1st reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Service Charges.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Bruce to approve the 1st reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Public Works Maintenance report was provided in writing. Additional information:

*ACCU Jet was in town this week

*It will be approximately \$1,000 to raise the manhole cover near the Kearney property
Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Bruce to approve the purchase of two storage
cabinets for the water plant

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

*Urges citizens to take advantage of the city clean-up days

*Plans to remove the TV & stand, and piano from the community building, along with
received permission to remove the kiosk from in front of the community building

City Clerk's Report was provided in writing. Additional information:

*Website problems that are being addressed

*Alleys being improperly used

*Food trailer will be in town this weekend

*Possible individual who might be interested in filling in as needed for emergencies for
the city maintenance position

Additional items as may come before the Council:

*Trailer on Manchester that is unoccupied, other than wildlife – to see about condemning

A recess was taken.

Roll Call upon return of recess:

Present: Councilperson Roth, Gray, Bruce, and Branigan

Absent: Councilperson Huntsman

Review of Chapter 1 through 8 of the Emerson Code Book took place with noted questions or
suggested changes.

Items for next council meeting:

*Community building upgrades

*Available grants

*Code Book review

*CO2 pipeline

*Community building keys and cleaning

*Alley surveys

*Loose dogs

*Vultures

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Bruce to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Gray, and Bruce

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Larry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk

