

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
MEETING HELD ELECTRONIC THROUGH ZOOM
ORIGINATING FROM EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER STREET**

Due to the absence of Mayor and Mayor-ProTem, Councilmembers appointed Larry Johnson to be the presiding officer for this meeting. Johnson therefore called the special meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Friday, April 3, 2020, 6:05 p.m. with an electronic meeting through Zoom with origination of the meeting coming from Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester Street. An electronic meeting was held due to the Coronavirus and state limitation on number of people allowed at gatherings. (Delay in start of meeting as Council requested delay in start to see if Mayor or Councilperson Branigan were going to log in. Attempted to contact Mayor by phone but no answer)

Roll Call: Present: Councilperson Ann Roth, Randy Gray, Bob Huntsman
and Larry Johnson

Absent: Councilperson Mike Branigan

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Huntsman, Roth, Gray, and Johnson
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion about the safety concerns of community and city property, due to the Coronavirus, was held among the Council.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to close playground equipment, the basketball hoop area, and pavilion within Evans Park. To also close public access to city buildings of Library, City Hall, Community Building, and Fire Station. With additional notation to put the library remodeling on hold at this time and allow Emerson Fire Department Members access to the Fire Station. Only Emerson City Staff (those who currently receive pay from the City) are allowed inside the city buildings. These closures to stay in effect until it is declared safe to re-open from Mills County Department of Health, Mills County Emergency Management, or Iowa Governor, at which time Emerson City Council will call for a special meeting to decide the re-opening of these facilities.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Roth, Huntsman, and Johnson
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Councilperson Johnson advised that he had made contact with Brianna Sorensen of Sorensen Law Firm and she was interested in serving as our city attorney. Johnson recommends that we give Bri Sorensen an opportunity.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to approve Resolution No. 2020-12
**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE BRIANNA SORENSEN, ATTORNEY AT
LAW, AS THE OFFICIAL CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF
EMERSON, IOWA FOR REMAINDER OF 2020 & 2021.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Huntsman, Roth, Gray, and Johnson
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Gray, Huntsman, and Johnson
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Larry Johnson, Appointed Chair

ATTEST:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk