

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER STREET**

Mayor Stephanie Latta called the special meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester Street.

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

Absent: None

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, and Huntsman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Visitors Opportunity to Speak: None

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Latta announced this as the time and place to conduct a Public Hearing regarding maximum property tax dollars and maximum levy for City of Emerson, Iowa for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

Marlin Gage questioned what the levy will be.

No written comments.

Hearing closed.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution No. 2020-08
**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX
DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Huntsman, Branigan, Roth, and Johnson

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to adopt Proposed Budget for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and to set date of March 11, 2020 for Public Hearing.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, and Huntsman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to hire Bri Sorensen, Attorney at Law, to assist with nuisance properties for City of Emerson

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, and Gray

Nays: Councilperson Branigan and Huntsman

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Gray to approve Engagement of Northland Securities as Underwriter for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A to finance street improvements

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Huntsman, Branigan, Roth, Johnson, and Gray

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2020-09
**RESOLUTION RE-EVALUTING THE CITY'S POLICY REGARDING
THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PROCESS**

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Gray, Huntsman, Branigan, Roth, and Johnson

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Council worked on their review of the Emerson Code of Ordinances. A few changes have been noted to present to Iowa Codification for Chapters 1 through 8.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Roth to direct City Clerk to write an ordinance changing Code 7.07(3) to read: Checks. Checks shall be prenumbered and signed by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem or any Councilmember, as authorized by the Council, except as provided in subsection 5 hereof.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Roth to table work on recodification to the March 11, 2020 city council meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

No additional items and no items noted for next agenda other than continue on recodification.

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

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Stephanie Latta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk