

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER STREET**

Mayor David Galley Jr. called the regular meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on
Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester Street.

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Roll Call: Present: Councilperson Ann Roth, Larry Johnson, Jen Shaw, and Ronald
Stephens, Jr.

Absent: Councilperson Heidi Pullen

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Johnson, Shaw, Stephens, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Roth to approve the consent agenda:

*Minutes from regular meeting of December 13, 2017

*Financial Report for December 2017

*Warrants from December 2017

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Johnson, Shaw, Stephens, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Johnson to approve claims to be paid in the amount
of \$12,406.03

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Stephens, Roth, Johnson, and Shaw
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Visitors Opportunity to speak – None

Brief discussion Emerson's Senior Citizen's community rent fee. No changes and the fee will
remain at \$10.00.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Stephens to approve Law Enforcement Services
Contract between City of Emerson and Mills County for services July 1, 2018 – June 30,
2019

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Stephens to approve Resolution No. 2018-01

**RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF EMERSON'S LEGAL
PUBLICATION SOURCE**

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Johnson, Shaw, Stephens, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Shaw to approve Resolution No. 2018-02

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Stephens, Roth, Johnson, and Shaw
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Stephens to approve Resolution No. 2018-03
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAIMS THAT MAY BE PAID PRIOR TO
 COUNCIL APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL REVIEW AND
 CONFIRMATION]**

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
 Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Brief discussion on allowance of golf carts and ATV's on city streets. This is tabled until March.
 Mayor will talk with Mills County Sheriff about this and city will also see what other cities in the county allow or disallow.

Moved by Councilperson Stephens, seconded by Shaw to approve the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provision Pertaining to minimum water bill collection on certain properties.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
 Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to waive the 3rd reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provision Pertaining to minimum water bill collection on certain properties.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Shaw, Stephens, Roth, and Johnson
 Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Roth to adopt Ordinance No. 351
**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
 EMERSON, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISION PERTAINING TO MINIMUM
 WATER BILL COLLECTION ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Emerson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

92.02 RATE. Each customer shall pay the base rate water service charges for services supplied by the municipal water system and unit charge for usage based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

Water Service Rates Per 1,000 Gallons or Part Thereof					
Water Usage	Effective Dates				
	7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 and Thereafter
Base Rate	\$18.41	\$24.03	\$29.63	\$35.27	\$40.90
Per 1,000 Gallon s	\$9.91	\$10.16	\$10.41	\$10.66	\$10.90
Minimum Bill	\$18.41	\$24.03	\$29.63	\$35.27	\$40.90

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the ___ day of _____, 20___, and approved this ___ day of _____, 20___.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Shaw, Stephens, Roth, and Johnson
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Stephens to approve the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provision Pertaining to minimum sewer bill collection on certain properties

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Stephens, seconded by Shaw to waive the 3rd reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa by Amending Provision Pertaining to minimum sewer bill collection on certain properties.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Stephens, seconded by Shaw to approve Ordinance No. 352

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EMERSON, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISION PERTAINING TO MINIMUM SEWER BILL COLLECTION ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Emerson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 99.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emerson, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

99.02 RATE. Each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

Sewer Service Charges Per 1,000 Gallons of Water Use or Part Thereof					
Sewer Service	Effective Dates				
	7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 and Thereafter
Base Rate	\$12.25	\$19.77	\$27.29	\$34.81	\$42.31
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.12	\$5.37	\$5.62	\$5.87	\$6.13
Minimum Bill	\$12.25	\$19.77	\$27.29	\$34.81	\$42.31

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Stephens to move the February council meeting to February 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Roth, Johnson, Shaw, and Stephens
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Possible ideas for usage of the Community Foundation Grant were discussed. Top choice is roof on the community building. Estimates are being obtained as grant application is due February 1.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Johnson that the City pledge 40% of the expense to the community building roof with grant covering remainder.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Stephens, Roth, Johnson, and Shaw
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion on the upcoming budget was held with no action taken.

Townsmen's maintenance report – Randy Gray:

- *had a water break (Council commended him for actions)
- *garbage cans are ordered for main street
- *Christmas decorations are down
- *Tile for community building is up
- *Got bulk salt
- *Had a piston out at water plant

City Clerk Report – Mary Bolton:

- *Posting that dog tags may be purchased at city hall. Not mailing out reminder letters but flyers will go up around town and note on water bill
- *Due to absence of city hall staff, city hall might be closed the week of February 12
- *Council packets were all sent electronically this time and will continue that procedure unless a councilmember asked for it differently
- *City received a letter from East Mills Superintendent Paul Croghan about organizing a Super Board within the district, comprising of East Mills Board of Education, the county supervisors, and the mayors and city councils of the communities of Emerson, Hastings, Henderson and Malvern

Mayor Report – Dave Galley:

- *Advised Council that he authorized city hall staff to make any waivers on water/sewer bills if they feel the need is there due to leaks, etc. And supports the request of staff that any of these requests must be submitted in writing to the office.
- *Remind citizens that when a snow fall occurs, the City will work to clean streets as efficiently as possible.

No additional items.

No items for next agenda.

Moved by Councilperson Shaw, seconded by Roth to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Johnson, Shaw, Stephens, and Roth
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Emerson City Hall.

David Galley, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk