

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 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, July 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, Bob Huntsman, Cathy Bruce, and Mike Branigan

Absent: None

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

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, second by Gray to approve consent agenda:

\*Minutes from regular meeting of June 8, 2022

\*Warrants for June 2022

\*Financial Report for June 2022

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve claims for July 2022 in the amount of \$47,210.76

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

Motion Carried.

No visitor comments.

Rick Allely with Ulteig introduced himself and his company to the Council and offered their services for future projects and grants.

No Fire Department Report.

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Roth to approve request for street closure on September 10 for street dance in the block in front of Old Road Café

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve request for use of Bass Park on September 10 for Mud Races

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to approve Resolution No. 2022-17

**RESOLUTION REGARDING MUD RACES AT BASS PARK**

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

Motion Carried.

The hay ground lease for Bass Park was tabled until August meeting.

The Addendum to Agreement to rent land located at Bass Park for Hay was tabled until August meeting.

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Huntsman to table the removal of outfield fence at Bass Park.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Bruce to approve request for street closures for Emerson Fall Festival, Emerson Days on September 10

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve request for use of Evans Park on September 10 & 11 for Emerson Fall Festival, Emerson Days activities, including church services on that Sunday

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Huntsman to approve 28E Agreement with Mills County Communication Center for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to authorize pay to Mills County 911 Communication for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 services

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor advised he has placed an order for a new 2022 Dodge Ram 4500 (chassis only) through Red Oak Chrysler for \$55,334. (the one voted on last month was already sold but this one is lower in price and this one is government price, steel wheels, and no spare tire). Checking into a Western Snow Blade and also getting quotes for a dump box.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Bruce to advertise for sale the city's dump truck through sealed bids.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Roth to encourage Emerson businesses and residents to take part in the Mills County Tourism for the holiday season.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to authorize the concrete purchase and for Drew Magers to fill street holes before Emerson Days of the following, and any others that appear before Emerson Days:

- \*Two locations in 600 block of Wilson
- \*One location at Nebraska & Howland
- \*One location at Bartlett & Burlington
- \*One location at Nebraska & Highway 59
- \*One location on Main Street
- \*One location on King Street

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Roth approve Change Order #1 with Gingerich Structures for adding sidewalk in front of the bathrooms, a mechanical room, and a solid walk door with plumber access, in the amount of \$2,700.00

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to discontinue recycling and remove the fee from water bills, effective August 1, 2022, and taking trailer out of service.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Bruce to not do a propane contract but get propane at the cash price, as needed.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to table Emerson's Urban Revitalization Plan for 3 months.

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

Motion Carried.

Emerson – Indian Creek RB Flood Risk Reduction Project (FRRP) was discussed of what needs to be completed. City Maintenance is to make the needed improvements, take pictures, and then city hall will submit updates to Corps of Engineers. No other action taken.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Bruce to get quotes for ADA sidewalk and fountain repair in Evans Park to be used for Mills County Community Foundation grant application.

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

Motion Carried.

Public Works maintenance report was provided in writing with the following additions:

- \*water plant is done except for flow cable
- \*THM testing got done today
- \*Waiting on railroad to move ties – Railroad has been spoken with
- \*Need to flush hydrants
- \*Cameras are up and operating at burn pile

Mayor's Report:

- \*There has been some vandalism at porta potties in the park
- \*Paula Barnett declined custodian work so we will need to advertise again
- \*Mayor had another key of city hall and community building made for whoever gets hired to do custodial work

Clerk report was submitted in writing with one addition:

- \*A nuisance property owner is not pleased of the invoice he received after city mowed the property as it had not been completed by owner

Additional items as may come before the council:

- \*Placement of volunteer search to assist with Emerson Days on water bills

Items for next agenda:

\*Beer garden in street for café

\*Hay ground lease

\*Sewer televising

\*Addendum for hay ground

\*Outfield fence at Bass Park

\*City dump truck sale

\*generator sales or disposal of

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Larry Johnson, Mayor

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Mary L. Bolton  
City Clerk