

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 – 6:0 P.M.
 THIS MEETING THROUGH ZOOM FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
 ORIGINATING FROM EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER
 (MAYOR PRO-TEM/COUNCIL/CITY STAFF IN PERSON AT CITY HALL)

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Branigan called the regular meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem, City Council and City Staff were in person with public access through Zoom, originating from Emerson City Hall.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Councilperson Ann Roth, Larry Johnson, Randy Gray, Bob Huntsman, and Mike Branigan
 Absent: None

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

*Minutes from regular meeting of June 9, 2021

*Warrants for June 2021

*Financial Report for June 2021

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to approve claims for July 2021 in the amount of \$16,019.50

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

Motion Carried.

Visitors opportunity to speak: None

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Gray to approve building permit for Dennis & Linda Westover to replace side porch and cover patio with deck at 302 Edwards Street

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to approve a summer fill of propane from Sapp Bros., as presented, along with authorization to pay within 10 days of delivery so discount may be received.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to approve the contract hiring of Mike Formhals for the city's IT services.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Huntsman to authorize City Maintenance Todd to check with local business or individuals about needed repairs on sewer grate lids and storm drain.

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

Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding users of the city yard waste site and the quantity of disposals. A resolution will be prepared for next meeting that sets policy that commercial tree businesses cannot use the city facility unless the tree or branches are removed from a tree within the city limits and will state who is legally allowed to use the site (those who receive an Emerson water bill and trees/branches removed from Emerson Cemetery.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve Resolution No. 2021-21 **RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY PARK PICNIC TABLES** (city owned picnic tables are not to be removed from city parks (Evans or Bass) by anyone without prior City Council approval, except for city sponsored events of which city maintenance is involved with the moving of tables. All tables are to remain in the city parks)

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

Motion Carried.

The Bass Park bathroom and grounds maintenance was discussed with review of the status of the bathrooms, dugouts, power lines, mowing, etc.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to direct city maintenance to seal up the bathroom at Bass Park, as soon as possible, and council will further discuss possible destruction on a future agenda.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Branigan to authorize Accu Jet to come down and give us a Sewer Health Assessment as a complimentary service.

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

Motion Carried.

The current tree ordinance was reviewed and recommended changes were made. A proposed ordinance will be presented at next meeting with suggested changes. The biggest recommendation is no trees to be planted in any city right-of-way.

Public Works maintenance report-Todd Franks:

A written report was given with additional information presented:

- *tree stumps are still needed removed by Miner's Tree Service
- *City Hall and water plant AC (will remain with original plan for city hall)
- *Water leak in Morton Avenue area

Mayor Pro-Tem report:

- *Encouraging residents to take part in the city-wide garage sales being sponsored by Emerson Community Club

City Clerk's Report – Mary Bolton and Lana Moyers:

A written report was given with additional information presented:

- *Community Foundation Grant will soon open – an idea is ADA for city hall entrance
- *Need to determine the kiosk light installation
- *Advised public that if they wish to be notified by text when mosquito spraying will take place, they need to sign-up in city hall.

City Attorney's Report – Eddie Fishman:

- *Been working on the abandoned house. It has a federal tax lien on the property but feels we can keep moving forward on the project

Additional items as may come before the Council:

*Status of nuisance house on King that does not have a foundation: Attorney advised he and City Clerk would work on a game plan and bring it back to council

Items for next council meeting:

*Community Club picnic table moves for Emerson Days

*Tree Ordinance

*Resolution on city waste dump site

*Portable AC for water plants

*Water leak repairs

*Nuisance property on King

*Attendance options of meetings if Governor changes the emergency status

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

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mary L. Bolton

Minutes prepared by:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk

Michael Branigan

Michael Branigan

Mayor Pro-Tem presided over meeting