

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
MEETING WAS HELD IN EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER
AND ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Roth called the regular meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday, May 11, 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, and Bob Huntsman with Councilperson Cathy Bruce present through zoom
Absent: Councilperson Mike Branigan

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

*Minutes from regular meeting of April 13, 2022

*Warrants for April 2022

*Financial Report for April 2022

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve claims for May 2022, in the amount of \$72,175.11

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

Motion Carried.

Visitors Opportunity to speak: None

There was no fire department report.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Huntsman to approve request from Library to block off the two parking spaces west of the library (excluding handicap) on Wednesday evenings, from June through mid-August, 4:00 – 7:00 pm for library's weekly Storytime.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to direct city hall to send a nice letter to anyone whose dog is violating the loose dog ordinance, after any written complaint is filed, and advise if it occurs again a fine penalty will occur with the Mills County Sheriff's Office involved.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to table any action on the Summit Carbon Capture CO2 pipeline to the next meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to table any action on the cleaning of community building and city hall until next meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to amend the Application/Special Use Request Form and Alcoholic Beverages Policy and bring it back to the next meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

No action taken on resolution regarding alcohol in Emerson Community Building since the other items were tables.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Huntsman to approve Gingerich Structures for the new bathroom in Evans Park and work out demolition of the present one with Jared Jones.

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

Motion Carried.

Tree planting took place in Evans Park. Will be getting another tree through Earl May that will be used for the city's Christmas tree.

No action taken but discussed options that were suggested by the USDA on ways to try and get rid of vultures that are gathering in town.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Huntsman to approve applying for the \$1,000 ICAP safety grant for barricades to be purchased from Econo Signs

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

Motion Carried.

Citizen Jeff Pape had arrived at meeting and asked Council about a building permit. There was no action taken and he was advised to complete the application and submit it to city hall for consideration at next meeting.

Five bids were received at SWIPCO for the demolition of 408 Manchester.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Roth to approve the low bid of \$14,500 from The Green Tree Co.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Huntsman to direct city hall staff to send a letter to the property owner that has placed items in the city's alley way, directing them to vacate all items from the alley and to keep it cleaned up so it can be used as an alley.

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

Motion Carried.

Public Works maintenance report had been submitted in writing. Council did discuss a pickup/truck replacement with no action taken.

Mayor's report was submitted in writing with nothing additional.

Clerk's report was submitted in writing. It was noted that the generation swing is scheduled to ship on May 23

There were no updates from Attorney Fishman, but Attorney Sorensen did advice of court on May 13 for 511 Manchester.

No additional items before the council.

Items for next agenda:

- *Water and Sewer rate ordinances
- *CO2 pipeline
- *Budget amendment
- *Community building alcohol
- *Pickup truck
- *Community building cleaning
- *Update on alley clean-up
- *Update on Manchester nuisance
- *Evans Park bathroom update

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Ann Roth, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk