

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL  
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
 MEETING HELD ELECTRONIC THROUGH ZOOM ORIGINATING ON ZOOM

Due to the absence of Mayor and Mayor-ProTem, Councilmembers appointed Ann Roth to be the presiding officer for this meeting. Roth therefore called the special meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Monday, November 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. with an electronic meeting through Zoom. An electronic meeting was held due to the Coronavirus and Mayor's limitation on number of people allowed at in City Hall.

Councilperson Roth read a letter that she received from Mayor through email at 5:02 pm on Monday, November 2 indicating she would not be participating in the meeting and expressing concerns on the legality of the meeting.

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

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

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Gray to approve September warrants.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to approve claims with the exception of JEO and MARC for a total of \$8,449.31.

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

Motion Carried.

Residents were given 3 minutes for opportunity to speak. Sheila Petereit ask if the water bills could be reevaluated due to the high cost. It was explained that the Council had not received any financial reports since July and they have requested these several times. Without financials they have no idea where the water fund stands and cannot consider this until they receive financials. Max Austin then stated he had noticed there were no financials given and they are for citizens as well as council and he would like to see them also. Kim Steinman spoke about her desire that Council would consider rehiring the former City Clerks. Fire Chief Liz Ungry also stated that she has requested financials for the fire department and has not received these and is inquiring about deposits of donations and township monies to the fire department.

Discussion took place of a dog bite in town.

Councilperson Roth read the first reading of Amendment of Code of Ordinances Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control,

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Johnson to approve first reading of Code of Ordinances with changes in penalties from first violation of \$25.00 to \$50.00. Second violation \$50.00 to \$75.00, Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control.

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

Motion Carried.

Councilperson Roth read the first reading of Amendment of Code of Ordinances Chapter 51, Junk and Junk Vehicles.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Gray to approve first reading of Amendment of Code of Ordinances Chapter 51, Junk and Junk Vehicles.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Roth to close the city yard waste site at 5:00PM on weekdays. For after hours and weekends residents are to call Jim, Larry or Randy for access. Roth will have a sign posted at yard waste site with numbers to call.

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

Motion Carried

Council discussed resumes they received, stating they only received two complete resumes despite repeated requests, no complete applications/resumes have been received from Mayor or City Hall as of start of meeting. After reviewing resumes council had and listening to citizens comments over the past three months councilperson Johnson moved, seconded by Roth to rehire Mary Bolton as City Clerk and Lana Moyers as Deputy clerk due to their years of experience and purchasing a laptop for Mary Bolton along with running a background check on the candidates.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution No. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SETTING HOURLY RATE  
FOR EMERSOM CITY HALL STAFF

WHEREAS, all salaries of city employees are to be set by resolution of the Emerson City Council;

WHEREAS, Emerson City Council is hiring staff to fill the vacancies within Emerson City Hall;

WHEREAS, the position of City Clerk is mandated to be held within each city, the Emerson City Council is offering the City Hall position as follows:

City Clerk at \$24.00 an hour

And/or

Deputy City Clerk at \$19.50 an hour

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Emerson City Council that the above hourly rates are effective upon the hiring of the following individual(s):

Mary Bolton as City Clerk

Lana Moyers as Deputy City Clerk

And this/these employee(s) are hired effective November 25, 2020, with hourly rate beginning at first duty for City of Emerson.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

12-3-2020

Mayor did not veto  
nor sign this resolution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

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

Additional items that council discussed is that City Hall painting needs to be completed. It was stated that City Hall has not completed the Road Use Tax report that was due in September and the City will lose this revenue if this report is not completed and brought before council with a resolution in the near future.

Items for next agenda is new keyless locks for City Hall, New file cabinets or new keying in the currents ones if they are fireproof file cabinets. Policies for these keys.

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

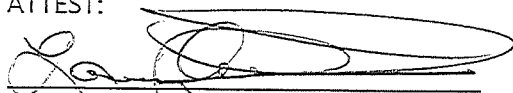
Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Johnson, Roth, Huntsman and Gray  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.



Ann Roth, Appointed Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Johnson