

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
MEETING WAS HELD IN EMERSON CITY HALL – 410 MANCHESTER
AND ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Branigan called the regular meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. in Emerson City Hall, 410 Manchester Street.

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 Gray, seconded by Huntsman to approve the agenda with addition of Kevin Hunt regarding food truck concessions.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, second by Johnson to approve consent agenda:

*Minutes from regular meeting of September 8, 2021

*Warrants for September 2021

*Financial Report for September 2021

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Johnson, seconded by Gray to approve claims for October 2021 in the amount of \$17,935.38

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Visitors opportunity to speak:

*Max Austin – advised his water meter in basement is leaking (Todd will contact him tomorrow)

Kevin Hunt with Smokin Good Times introduced his business. They will be setting up the next 4 weekends just west of the fire station.

Fire Department Report – Chief Liz:

*Fit testing for masks will be on October 25

*Helped promote Hastings Fire Dept street dance on October 30

*Observed Fire Prevention Week at school

*Breakfast over Emerson Days went well

*Burn ban is still in effect

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray to approve the agreement with Mills County Museum to digitize council minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Branigan to approve Accu-Jet to clean/televise the sewer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Johnson to approve filter media for Nitrate System at water plant, through Culligan.

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Roth to approve climate control units for water plant and well house

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Johnson to authorize Todd Franks to attend Water & Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop – November 17-19, 2021 in Altoona

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

Motion Carried.

Updated information on the Water Utility Vendor Agreement with West Central Community Action was presented to council and the consensus remained to stay with a No, do not participate in the agreement.

Discussion took place regarding electronic payment options for utility. The consensus was not to set up debit/credit card payments on-line with the city but encourage citizens to use direct bill pay through banks.

Moved by Councilperson Gray, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution No. 2021-27
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE MILLS COUNTY TREASURER FOR COLLECTION OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT FEES ON LOT 9, BLOCK 7 OF FIRST ADD ON HARRIS STREET

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Roth to direct City Clerk to write a notice for bids to remove the bathroom building at Bass Park. Branigan rescinded the motion and table till next meeting to get information from DNR.

Motion died.

Moved by Councilperson Roth, seconded by Gray for City Clerk to investigate local attorneys to prosecute for animals at large and is to send courtesy letter to violator at this time.

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

Motion Carried.

Public Works Maintenance Report:

- *Tree branch fell and he came into town and waited for MidAmerican Energy
- *Lead & copper testing results were ok. Test nitrate tomorrow.
- *Trimmed tree next door – K Darnold will be getting camper out of there
- *Checking on lawnmower replacement

Mayor Pro-Tem Report:

- *Encourages everyone to be careful on roads and slow down, as it's harvest time

Clerk Report: A written report was submitted but Mary also advised she will be attending a Budget Workshop in November and Mary and Lana will be attending IMFOA

City Attorney Report: 502 King Street abandonment process is moving along. He and City Clerk Mary are working on getting on agenda with the Board of Supervisors regarding tax abatement requests on the properties that city has acquired

Additional items as may come before the Council:

*Emerson Days and the Mud Drags went well

*Todd was asked to check with Stephens & Son about the basketball court fencing

Items for next agenda:

*Fire hydrant at Morton & Wilson

*Bass Park bathrooms

*Complaint forms

*Resolution to set fees for copies

Mayor Pro-Tem acknowledged the attendance of Keegan Poorker who was here for East Mills Government class.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:
Mary L. Bolton, City Clerk

Michael Branigan
Mayor Pro-Tem presided over meeting