

Regular Meeting of the Emerson City Council
 Wednesday, Sept 09, 2020---6:00 PM

The format of the meeting with a video conferencing component was conducted in order to comply with social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mayor Stephanie Latta called the special meeting of the Emerson City Council to order on Wednesday Sept 09, 2020, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Roll Call: Present: Councilperson: Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, Huntsman
 Not Present:

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

Ayes: Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, Huntsman

Nays: None

Moved by Councilperson Branigan, seconded by Huntsman to approve the consent agenda; claims for September 2020 and warrants for August 2020, minutes from special meeting Aug 31 2020 and from regular meeting.

Ayes: Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, Huntsman

Nays: None

Citizens Opportunity to speak: None

Update on JEO: Tyler Keenan spoke on behalf of JEO; 1. Finishing up sewer project and funding. 2. Lift station contract signed can begin construction soon. 3. Lagoon preliminary impromptu start date planned per meeting with Todd and Mayor Latta. Designing and working on project almost ready to start lagoon phase. Cost confirmed by Tyler that \$29,600.00 includes life of project.

City Maintenance Report: Mayor Latta reports in Todd's absence, Generator ordered causing slight delay. Concerns by Todd that "media" needs to be ordered for water plan. It was explained that "media" will help remove nitrite from the water after inquiries of what "Media was. Todd mentioned using Culligan as he knew they offered that. Discussion on other bids besides just Culligan and tabled for next months meeting.

Mayors Report: Introduction of Interim Clerk Delton Lyden, discussion about hours of City Hall, Mayor thanked staff on working so hard. Discussion about stop boxes in front of curbs.

Demolition Program Pre-Application Discussion and Submission: Discussion that the city currently does not own any properties. Application for demo deeds, photos and properties to take down. Discussion about the house behind City Hall. Lawyer Bri still working on that property. Mayor Latta to follow up on that property with Bri and this property.

City Attorney Discussion: Mayor Latta and Council Member Larry Johnson will look at attorneys to present to Council for possible hire.

Additional Items: Discussion was made by council members that they would like to start having meetings back at City Hall. Mayor Latta stated that if people were gathering, she felt that it should be in a larger building such as the community building for distancing. Mayor Latta stated that she wasn't comfortable having meeting in person yet due to Covid. Meeting will remain on Zoom until further notice and further discussion will be had at next meeting. Discussion was made on hiring new clerk. Resumes will be reviewed by Council and Mayor to make a decision.

Adjournment: Moved by Branigan seconded by Huntsman.

Ayes: Branigan, Roth, Johnson, Gray, Huntsman

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46pm

Attest: Interim Clerk



Mayor Pro Tem

