

Minutes and Proceedings of the
City Council of the City Of Emily in the
County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota

March 10, 2023
Emergency Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE PARAPHRASED AND ARE NOT WRITTEN WORD FOR WORD.

The Emily City Council met for an emergency meeting on Friday, March 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Tracy Jones at 1:07 p.m. Councilmembers Mary Eppen, Andrew Hemphill, and Gregory Koch were present. Councilmember Gerhart Hanson was absent. City Attorney Tom Pearson attended remotely. City Clerk/Treasurer Cari Johnson was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Emily Police Department must be temporarily deactivated because the department does not currently have an acting chief. Police officers may not work for a department without an acting chief. A possible solution of hiring an interim chief was explored, but did not work out. **COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY DEACTIVATE THE CITY OF EMILY POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE THIS INVESTIGATION IS PENDING. MAYOR JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.** City Attorney Pearson will develop a resolution consistent with the motion to be signed and forwarded to the Minnesota POST Board as required.

COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO RATIFY POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW HUESMANN’S LEAVE OF ABSENCE WHILE THE EMILY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DEACTIVATED. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Department is going to provide extra coverage for the City of Emily and contracted township, Little Pine, during the deactivation of the Emily Police Department. City Attorney Pearson will develop a public safety statement to be posted at the City’s posting locations and website and to be sent to local newspapers. A statement will be added to the website tab for the Police Department as soon as possible to direct residents to contact the Sheriff’s Department. The City Hall and Police Department phone systems are separate, so work is being done to gain access to forward all Police Department calls to the Sheriff’s Department as soon as possible.


City Attorney Pearson will prepare a statement for Little Pine Township for Mayor review and approval to inform the Little Pine Town Board the Sheriff’s Department is currently providing coverage.


City department heads will be notified of the temporary deactivation and directed to contact the Sheriff’s Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EMERGENCY MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting ended at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:


Cari Johnson, MCMC
City Clerk/Treasurer


Tracy Jones
Mayor