

Minutes and Proceedings of the City
Council of the City of Emily in the
County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota
Including accounts audited by said Council

October 11, 2022

The Emily City Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Tracy Jones at 6:03 p.m. Councilmembers Bryce Butcher, Mary Eppen, Wes Friesner, and Gerhart Hanson were present. Cari Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Jones requested a motion of approval of the Consent Agenda including the Treasurer's Report from September 2022: Checking Beginning Balance \$986,875.85 and Ending Balance \$916,932.77; Receipts to General fund \$183,580.98, Sewer fund \$3,300.31, Total \$186,881.29; and Claims for Approval: \$233,015.95 including Pine River State Bank checks #59806 to #59884 and automatic withdrawals #330629 to #330637; Investments \$439,631.42; Total Checking/Investments \$1,356,564.19. **COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC FORUM: Dan Brennan stated appreciation for the City's input and assistance with resolution of the water issues on South Bay Drive post State Highway 6 reconstruction. Brennan discussed the North Star Manganese (NSM) negotiation for mineral leases from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Brennan made a request per the Minnesota Data Practices Act from the DNR for all comments from the mineral lease negotiations public comment period. Brennan stated the comments received from Emily residents were thoughtful, measured, and overwhelmingly negative. Brennan stated the supportive comments were mostly from entities with a vested interest in the project. Brennan stated a concern regarding the DNR's perceived lack of consideration of the negative comments from Emily constituents.

Anna Battistini stated there are misleading comments in the NSM application for State mineral leases in regards to two properties her family has 1/5 undivided interest in adjacent to Crow Wing Power property. Battistini stated NSM does not have mineral lease agreements for mineral rights for the properties her family has interest in. Battistini reported the DNR confirmed NSM cannot proceed with mineral development on the properties her family has interest in. Battistini requested NSM address the misleading comments.

Joe Mann, Hummingbird Custom Cottages, requested permission to develop an ice skating rink in the Downtown City Park with donations of a warming shed and floodlights and volunteers to flood and plow the rink. The warming shed would be 10' X 16' and would be on skids so could be moved. The warming shed could include a propane mini split with heating and air conditioning, which would allow use for the First Responders for Emily Day, and could include a TV. Up North Electric is willing to donate the electrical work and LED floodlights. Mann reported an ice skating rink could lead to community events.

SPEAKER: Rick Sandri, NSM, addressed Battistini's comments regarding the NSM State mineral lease applications. Sandri reported NSM and the State recognize Battistini's family's private mineral rights.

Sandri reported NSM conducted a detailed review of historic data in 2022. NSM conducted field visits and environmental studies. NSM identified new minerals and geologic information. Sandri provided prior information from US Steel Drilling regarding their planned open pit mining operation. The proposed open pit mining operation would have missed minerals below and beyond the pit area. Sandri reported NSM has a plan to do an underground

mining operation. Sandri reported NSM will continue to work with the City, County, and State to determine if there is enough mineralization to make economic sense to proceed with the project.

Sandri reported NSM's exploration strategy is to complete phase 1 of drilling in 2023 followed by geologic assessment and modeling. Sandri reported environmental specialists have conducted several visits to collect data and understand site conditions, including review of potential access routes of the Crow Wing Power lands. Drilling would occur on privately owned lands NSM leases from Crow Wing Power and not within any shoreland areas. Timberline Drilling would be responsible for the drilling program of an estimated 30 to 40 core holes of 2.5" diameter. Sandri reported the drilling is similar to drilling residential wells. All drilled material would be captured, studied, and evaluated. Sandri reported NSM would prioritize protection of the environment for the drilling program and would voluntarily implement drilling only in the winter when the ground is frozen to avoid impacts to wetlands, using existing temporary trails and minimizing removal of vegetation, conducting environmental and geologic surveys, and employing winter sound baffles to manage noise. NSM would secure the necessary State approvals from the DNR and Minnesota Department of Health. After completion of the program the trails and clearings would be revegetated. Sandri reported there would not be a long term impact from the drilling. NSM would complete core evaluation and geological assessment of the samples. Char Kinzer, Cooperative Mineral Resources, stated the exploratory drilling program would be similar to the program completed in 2011 and 2012. Kinzer stated the exploratory drilling program would not be a mining operation. Sandri reported NSM will put up notices, install barriers, notify adjacent property owners, and put up detour notices before the exploratory drilling begins.

NSM submitted State mineral land lease applications for iron ore and manganese for 800 acres and is continuing negotiations with the State.

Sandri reported NSM's exploration phase includes working on improving the environment and natural resources in the area, hiring and contracting locally, purchasing local goods and services, and a potential for collaboration on trails, road maintenance, and other activities that promote recreation. Sandri reported as the project proceeds NSM would contribute to the community with property investment, job opportunities, and contributions to community services.

Sandri reported on a potential scientific discovery. Sandri reported the Sudbury Meteor/Comet impacted Ontario 1.85 billion years ago. Ground and material were blasted from the zone. Material from the blast has been found in the Gunflint and Mesabi iron ranges. Several boreholes from Emily contain materials broken from the blast.

Additional information from question and answer session:

- Sandri reported exploration and research is planned for the next 2 to 5 years, which requires low use of City's roads and benefits to local businesses.
- Sandri reported prior drilling by Crow Wing Power was insufficient to make a mine determination. The manganese would have to be high grade and able to chemically convert for use in lithium ion batteries. If NSM does not find high grade manganese for mining during their drilling program, they would probably not return for a second drilling. There have been no high grade manganese mines in the United States since 1970.
- Sandri reported NSM is years away from developing a mine.
- Sandri reported the location and depth of the drilling for the project would be below the local water zones. NSM would not want water in the underground mine and would work to maintain and control water long term. Sandri reported there would be no fracking.
- Sandri reported NSM is waiting for environmental engineers to make the determination regarding the schedule of well monitoring.
- Sandri reported NSM believes from prior testing that they would be able to separate the iron manganese concentrate. After separation the remaining silica mixture could be combined with cement and used in the underground mine as supporting material. The manganese and iron would be shipped off site for processing.

Todd Proctor reported purchasing a lot in Emily last summer and hiring a contractor to install a septic system. Proctor reported he and the contractor thought the other applied for the required sewage treatment system permit. Proctor had the completed septic system inspected as required. Proctor reported there was no malicious intent on either side. The after the fact permit fee is ten times the amount of the permit, a sewage treatment system permit costs \$250, so the after the fact permit fee charged to Proctor is \$2,500. Proctor reported the amount of the after the

fact permit fee is a harsh penalty for an honest mistake. Proctor requested the after the fact penalty fee be waived or reduced. The Council stated it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure there is proper permitting for work completed. The Council made the decision to table the request, discuss the request with Planning and Zoning, and conduct research on past after the fact penalty fee charges.

MAINTENANCE: Brian Foster, Maintenance Supervisor, reported finishing mowing ditches, finishing crack filling, hauling Class 5, fixing washouts, brushing roads and cutting trees, shouldering roads, and removing the Ruth Lake pier. The new Maintenance pickup truck should be received soon.

There is concern regarding a reported leak in the Emily Dam and the effect on the Emily Lake water level. Wayne Dosh, Senior Engineering Technician, Crow Wing County, inspected the Emily Dam and believes the water is flowing under the concrete weir through the cold joint at the top of the dam and out through the cold joint at the west bridge abutment and west of the dam below the west bridge span. Possible repair options were presented, including dewatering the weir to expose it so that waterproofing material could be used to seal the joint. The City owns the Emily Dam and it is the City's responsibility to repair the leak. Maintenance personnel will inspect the leak.

FIRST RESPONSE UNIT: Chief Cary LeBlanc reported the October First Response Unit meeting was held with 9 members present and reported 8 calls in September. The First Responders went on ATV trail rides to become familiar with the trails before the ATV Rally Event. The First Responders thanked the Outing Chamber of Commerce for the donation of candy for the Trunk or Treat Event.

POLICE: Chief Damien Stalker reported 73 ICRs in September.

COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-33 APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EMILY ON BEHALF OF ITS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ON BEHALF OF THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND THE CITY OF EMILY. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COURT DATA SERVICES SUBSCRIBER AMENDMENT TO CJDN SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE PUBLICATION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Council Liaison Butcher reported the September Fire Department meeting was held with 16 members present and reported 3 fire calls. Equipment and SCBAs were checked. MSA checked all air packs and fit tested members. The Fire Department recommended hiring two new members to the Fire Department pending Council approval. Butcher reported the cost for the lease to purchase of Fire Engine #2 is \$25,000 higher than the prior estimate due to the current unavailability of a chassis. The Emily Firemen's Relief Association could donate the additional funds for the lease.

The Emily Volunteer Fire Department, along with Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Fifty Lakes Fire & Rescue Department, and Emily First Responders will hold a Trunk or Treat Event on Monday, October 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING CRAIG PROKOTT AS A FIREFIGHTER PENDING PREEMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS AND BACKGROUND CHECK AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER HANSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING KEVIN FAIL AS A FIREFIGHTER PENDING PREEMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS AND BACKGROUND CHECK AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-34 ACCEPTING DONATION TO THE CITY OF \$10,000 FROM EMILY FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR THE FIREMEN'S EQUIPMENT FUND. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The proposed lease to purchase program to purchase Fire Engine #2 was discussed. The plan is to roll the remaining \$103,489.90 from the current lease to purchase program for Fire Engine #1 into the lease to purchase program for \$525,000 for Fire Engine #2 with annual payments of \$78,603.60 for a 10 year term with a down payment of \$25,000 from the Fire Relief. The total for the lease to purchase program would be \$628,489.90. Community Leasing Partners reported the cost of the chassis will increase 6 to 7% at the end of the month. Grant opportunities to assist with purchase of a fire truck include AFG Assisted Firefighter Grant through FEMA, Bremer Bank, Sourcewell, and Crow Wing Power. **COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE TOP MOUNT PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FROM CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS FOR \$550,000 (SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT PRICING) WITH FINANCING PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY LEASING PARTNERS' LEASE TO PURCHASE PROGRAM. THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE TOP MOUNT PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FROM CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS FOR \$550,000 (SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT PRICING) WITH FINANCING PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY LEASING PARTNERS' LEASE TO PURCHASE PROGRAM WITH THE PROVISION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE A GRANT WRITER AND REQUEST GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FIRE TRUCK. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The State Auditor revised the required 2023 municipal contribution to the Fire Relief pension from \$29,340 to \$28,976.

PLANNING & ZONING: Planning Commission Chair Greg Koch reported a Planning Commission meeting was not held in October. Koch reported it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure proper permits are acquired. Even if a contractor completes the permitting process for a property owner, it is still the property owner's responsibility. Koch reported the reason there is an after the fact permit fee is to deter property owners from completing unpermitted work, especially regarding septic systems due to the potential harm to the environment.

The Council discussed the previous Planning Commission recommendation to begin enforcement actions against Jason Quilling regarding an unpermitted septic system. Research was requested at the last meeting. The realtor that represented both the buyer and the seller when the business owned by Jason Quilling purchased the property provided the Disclosure Statement and Purchase Agreement for the property transaction. The realtor reported there was no septic system when the property was sold, there was no restroom in the garage, and the prior owners leased a satellite toilet. **COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER MADE THE MOTION TO CHARGE JASON QUILLING AN AFTER THE FACT PERMIT FEE OF \$2,500 FOR AN UNPERMITTED SEPTIC SYSTEM AND TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH QUILLING'S ATTORNEY REGARDING THE CHARGE. COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTORNEY: The City Attorney sent a notice to the updated address of the prior property owner regarding an unpaid sewer bill of \$1,102.32.

WASTEWATER: **COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL HAULED WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM AL'S SEWER FOR AGRICULTURAL FISH HATCHERY POND WASTE. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.** Discussion included the Wastewater Operator approved the permit after reviewing the lab analysis report from the pond waste. **ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ROADS: There was no update regarding the MnDOT progress on resolution of the 2019 State Highway 6 road construction project issues.

COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MNDOT 2022/2023 SNOW CONTROL AGREEMENT FOR STATE HIGHWAY 6 WITHIN EMILY. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE

MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Council discussed a possible road overlay project for 2023 due to the poor condition of some of the City's roads. Jeff Ledin, City Engineer, S.E.H., sent a report with information on the process for a proposed project. S.E.H. would complete preliminary engineering to decide which roads would be in the project. The Council would order a Feasibility Study and follow the Chapter 429 improvement assessment process, including development of a preliminary assessment role and holding a public hearing. If the project is ordered, S.E.H. would create plans and specifications, complete the bidding process, and the contractor would complete the work. After the project is complete and all costs are known, the final assessment role would be prepared, a final hearing would be held, and the assessment role would be certified to the County. Anderson Brothers had completed a rough estimate of costs to overlay City roads for a total of \$625,000. Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers, City Financial Advisors, sent a report with two bonding scenarios using the estimated total.

CEMETERY: Council Liaison Friesner reported 3 lots sold and 1 burial: Bernard Olson and Rose Olson.

CITY HALL: COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO PAY THE THELEN HEATING & ROOFING INVOICE FOR \$120,500 FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL ROOF AND WITHDRAWAL OF \$70,000 FROM CITY INVESTMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT. MAYOR JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS: No report.

LIBRARY: No report.

PERSONNEL: MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TERESA FIEDLER FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARK COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES (LMC) FALL FORUMS VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING FOR \$30 PER REGISTRANT, INCLUDING EIGHT TRAINING SESSIONS. MAYOR JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. Discussion included Planning Chair Koch and staff members will attend the training regarding edible cannabinoid legalization. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EMILY WATERS: No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

CODIFICATION: No report.

DEED HOUSING REHABILITATION: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

There was a discussion regarding City use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for budget revenue reduction in 2021. The U. S. Treasury states ARPA funds may be used for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services can include maintenance of infrastructure or pay-go spending for building new infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. The U. S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds formula was used to calculate the City lost \$54,930.03 in revenue in 2020 due to the public health pandemic. In 2021 ARPA funds were used for maintenance of infrastructure (crack sealing and snowplow cutting edges) and fire (down payment for SCBAs and wildfire gear).

The City Attorney and LMC provided information regarding the proposed use of ARPA funds to pay Small Cities Revolving Loans for three small businesses. LMC reported the City's authority to spend funds is found in State Statutes. Rather than looking to Statutes to find direction that forgiving loans is prohibited, the City needs to find where this use of funds is allowed. LMC could not find a Statute that gives cities the authority to forgive loans. LMC reported for an expenditure of public funds to qualify as a lawful expenditure it should have a public purpose and authority. The expenditure would benefit the community as a body, would directly relate to functions of government, and would not have, as its primary objective, the benefit of a private interest. ARPA funds that are used in a manner that does not comply with the terms of the funding may be recalled. The City does not have authority to pay the Small Cities Revolving Loans for the three small businesses. **COUNCILMEMBER HANSON MADE THE MOTION TO NOT USE ARPA FUNDS TO FORGIVE THE SMALL CITIES REVOLVING LOANS FOR THE THREE SMALL BUSINESSES PER THE CITY ATTORNEY'S DETERMINATION AND LMC'S INFORMATION. COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. JONES VOTED NAY. THE MOTION PASSED.**

The small business loans were funded using Minnesota Investment Fund Small Cities Revolving Loan funds, which were allowed to be repurposed for a short period during the public health pandemic. When the loans were issued the State required loan terms of three years. The Minnesota Investment Fund reported the City could extend the term of each loan or forgive each loan, due to a hardship of each business to repay the loan, by amending the City's Business Subsidy Policy and each business' Loan Agreement. The City received Minnesota Investment Fund funds to be used to attract manufacturing business to the City. Granting forgiveness of the loans would reduce the funds available to attract businesses.

The terms of the small business loans are 3 year repayment term, 0% interest, no loan origination fees, and no collateral. Loan payments were deferred for the first year, five payments were made, and then a temporary forbearance was put in place during research. The monthly payment is \$362.03. If the loan terms were extended from 3 years to 6 years, with the lower balance due to payments made, the payment would be around \$150 per month. The total 6 year term would include the five months of payments.

MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND SMALL CITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND SMALL BUSINESS LOAN REPAYMENT TERMS FROM 3 YEARS TO A TOTAL OF 6 YEARS. COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. Discussion included the funds were loaned to local businesses that had to close during the public health pandemic and loan agreements were signed. The State requires the City's Business Subsidy Policy and each business' Loan Agreement to be amended to extend the loan terms. **MAYOR JONES RESCINDED THE MOTION. MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE CITY'S BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY AND EACH BUSINESS' LOAN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE LOAN REPAYMENT TERMS FROM 3 YEARS TO A TOTAL OF 6 YEARS AND TO SUBMIT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.** The temporary forbearance of the DEED Minnesota Investment Fund Small Business Loan Payments for Sweets N Such, Diners Chicken, and Log Cabin Bar will continue until the policy and agreements are amended.

NEW BUSINESS: COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS PENDING RECEIPT OF ALL INFORMATION, COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECK, AND ANY AMOUNT DUE TO THE CITY PAID IN FULL:

- **BARRETT'S LOG CABIN INC. - ON SALE \$1,200, OFF SALE \$200, SUNDAY ON SALE \$200**
- **LARSON SALOON 2 INC. - ON SALE \$1,200, OFF SALE \$200, SUNDAY ON SALE \$200**
- **RED PINE VENTURES INC. – ON SALE \$1,200, SUNDAY ON SALE \$200**
- **DINERS CHICKEN SHACK INC. - ON SALE WINE \$600 WITH STRONG BEER, 3.2 ON SALE \$75, SUNDAY ON SALE \$200**
- **REDDINGS SPORTS & SPIRITS, INC. - OFF SALE \$200**
- **ELCF, INC. (LAKE COUNTRY FOODS) - OFF SALE \$200**
- **ERNIE ROSE GOLF III LLC - 3.2 ON SALE 7 MOS. \$44.00**

COUNCILMEMBER FRIESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN, FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Emily City Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE: Discussion included Initiative Foundation regarding a thank you for the donation, Encore Wireless regarding ground lease buyout proposal for the Verizon lease, CWCS Mounted Patrol regarding

cancellation of training on City property, and MnDOT regarding the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Local Partnership Program Solicitation.

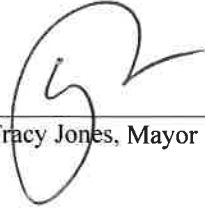
SCHEDULED UPCOMING MEETINGS: The November regular Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6 p.m. due to the General Election. The General Election Canvass Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6 p.m. A Special Meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6 p.m. with the City Engineer and Financial Municipal Advisor regarding a possible 2023 road overlay project. The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6 p.m.

**COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:28 P.M.
COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, EPPEN,
FRIESNER, AND HANSON VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:


Cari Johnson, MCMC, City Clerk/Treasurer


Tracy Jones, Mayor