

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

March 29, 2023
Special Meeting

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

The Emily City Council met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Tracy Jones at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Mary Eppen, Gerhart Hanson, Andrew Hemphill, and Gregory Koch were present. Cari Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO SOURCEWELL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH EXTENSION UNTIL MAY 31, 2023 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AGREEMENT FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES. COUNCILMEMBER KOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Council discussed a request to set up a meeting with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Kale Jones, a local resident, to give a presentation on his proposed parking and public safety improvements on State Highway 6. Kale Jones reported on the proposed improvements including:


- Parking improvements with redesignation of two parking spots on the west side of State Highway 6 between the State Highway 6/County Road 1 intersection and the Public Parking Lot exit.
- Public safety improvements on the east side of State Highway 6 south of the State Highway 6/County Road 1 intersection with removal of one ADA crosswalk ramp on the southeast side, realignment of the south intersection crosswalk to the remaining ADA crosswalk ramp on the southeast side, widening of the access to Emily Meats, and reorganization at Emily Meats to allow for diagonal parking in front of the business.

Kale Jones reported making the proposed improvements on the southeast side of the State Highway 6/County Road 1 intersection would improve public safety by customers not backing out of the business onto State Highway 6, the southeast crosswalk ramp not being used as an exit from the business, and providing a safer crosswalk with better sight lines for pedestrians. Discussion included MnDOT is responsible for State Highway 6 and any reconstruction would be paid for by MnDOT. **COUNCILMEMBER HEMPHILL MADE THE MOTION TO REQUEST THE CITY ENGINEER AND COUNCILMEMBER HANSON TO SET UP A MEETING WITH MNDOT FOR KALE JONES' PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED PARKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE HIGHWAY 6. COUNCILMEMBER EPPEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

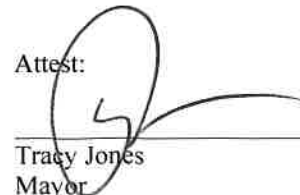
The Council discussed a possible Sourcewell Internship Program for Maintenance Department personnel and possibly hiring a 16 to 17 year old for the Seasonal Maintenance Worker position. Sourcewell reported a City may have more than one intern with a different job classification for each intern. The internship program requires the intern to be a college student or recent college graduate pursuing or holding a degree related to the position. The City may not hire a 14 or 15 year old to operate powered machinery. The City may hire a 16 or 17 year old to operate lawn care equipment, including lawn trimmers, weed cutters, and lawnmowers, on municipal grounds with the following safety requirements: safety training on each type of equipment to be operated, wearing of personal protective equipment, following all safety rules and instructions provided in the equipment's operator manual, and all required safety equipment being in place and operational on the lawn care equipment, including roll-over protection, seat belts, operator presence control systems, interlocks, guards, and shields. The Council decided not to pursue a Maintenance Department personnel internship due to college degree limitations and not to pursue hiring an employee under 18 years old due to the time required for training and risk of penalties for noncompliance. The Council will review Seasonal Maintenance Worker wages during budget discussions this year.

COUNCILMEMBER HANSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER HEMPHILL SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, EPPEN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cari Johnson, MCMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:


Tracy Jones
Mayor