

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

July 26, 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, July 26, 2023 in the Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Tracy Jones at 3:00 p.m. Councilmembers Bryce Butcher, Gerhart Hanson, Andrew Hemphill, and Gregory Koch were present. Alex Voit, S.E.H., attended remotely and Brian Foster, Maintenance Supervisor, Calen Spindler, Maintenance, and Cari Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Council discussed an estimate from JF Brennan to repair the Emily Dam on a time and materials basis for an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 pending Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permitting determination. Alex Voit, S.E.H., reported no bids were received for the proposed Emily Dam repair project, so S.E.H. followed up with JF Brennan, one of the contractors requested to submit a bid. JF Brennan proposed two repair options: to inject the crack/hole in the Emily Dam with a chemical grout to seal the crack/hole or to pour a concrete box in the corner of the weir where the leak is located. For both options JF Brennan would mount a board across the top of the dam to temporarily divert flow away from the work area and a box around the crack/hole temporarily so the crack/hole could be inspected. After inspection JF Brennan would recommend the treatment which is most appropriate. JF Brennan's daily rate for the repair is \$5,691.90 and it is estimated that 2 to 3 days would be needed to complete the repair. S.E.H. is checking with the DNR to determine if permits are required for the repair, including dam safety or work in public waters permits. JF Brennan would plan for the repair to be completed this fall. Voit reported if the concrete box option requires a dam safety permit and the chemical grout option does not, the choice could be made to require the chemical grout option to avoid further delay. The Council tabled the Emily Dam repair until the August 8 regular Council Meeting for additional time to determine funding options and the DNR's requirements for permitting.

The Council discussed two quotes received for the budgeted purchase of a used snowplow truck:

- Northstar Truck Sales for 2011 Freightliner M-2 single axle plow truck with belly, wing, and sander for \$99,530.13, including sales tax and \$500 down payment.
- Northstar Truck Sales for 2010 Mack tandem axle plow truck for \$116,595.75, including sales tax.


Brian Foster, Maintenance Supervisor, reported the plow configuration of the Freightliner snowplow truck is preferred. **MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO PURCHASE THE 2011 FREIGHTLINER M-2 PLOW TRUCK WITH BELLY, WING, AND SANDER FROM NORTHSTAR TRUCK SALES FOR \$99,530.13, INCLUDING SALES TAX AND \$500 DOWN PAYMENT. COUNCILMEMBER KOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The Council discussed coordination of a public informational Emily Manganese Deposit Exploration Meeting with the DNR. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, August 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Emily City Hall gymnasium. The proposed format is being reviewed by the DNR and includes an open house followed by a panel discussion. The meeting is planned to include representatives from the DNR, Minnesota Department of Health Well Management, Electric Metals, North Star Manganese, Crow Wing Power, Cooperative Mineral Resources, Hunt Technologies, People's Security Company, Emily Mine Informational Group, and Carlton Group. The Emily City Council plans to participate in the open house and be available at the panel discussion, but not to participate on stage. Josh Netland, Tremolo, has agreed to moderate the panel discussion portion of the meeting. The Sheriff's Department plans for deputy attendance of the panel discussion. The open house portion of the meeting would require set up of tables for all participants and any materials they would like to bring. The panel discussion would require set up on the stage for the participants and moderator and chairs for the public on the gymnasium floor with a microphone on stage and on the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER BUTCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BUTCHER, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting ended at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cari Johnson, MCMC, City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: 
Tracy Jones, Mayor