

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

January 29, 2025  
Special Meeting

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

The Emily City Council/125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in the Council Chambers and was called to order by Mayor Tracy Jones at 1:00 p.m. Councilmembers Daniel Brennan, Gerhart Hanson, Andrew Hemphill, and Gregory Koch were present. Cari Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee discussed ideas for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Ideas included streetlight banners, historic newspaper publication, history tent, and car show.

The Emily 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Guidelines need to be revised with the Council as the committee members. Revised guidelines will be presented at the next Council Meeting for consideration.

Purchases for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary need to meet the public purpose expenditure test and invoices need to be in the City's name.

An agenda item for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be added for regular Council Meetings for public engagement. A notice will be added to the website and published to request ideas for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with a preference for ideas that include the expense of the project and volunteers to accomplish it.

The ResPyro fireworks quote was reviewed with the following options:

- 20 minute display for \$10,000 with 378 shots
- 20 minute display for \$20,000 with 634 shots

The Celebrate Emily Day Committee requests donations for fireworks for the annual event and typically receives between \$8,000 and \$12,000. **COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION FOR THE CITY TO COMMIT \$12,000 TO THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS DISPLAY. COUNCILMEMBER HANSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BRENNAN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**COUNCILMEMBER KOCH MADE THE MOTION TO PAY THE NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$3,375 AND APPROVE THE TIME MUSIC AGENCY, INC. MUSICAL PERFORMANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A 4-HOUR CONCERT WITH 3 SETS WITH BREAKS. COUNCILMEMBER HEMPHILL SECONDED THE MOTION. Discussion included the remaining balance of \$3,375 is due on the day of the show. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BRENNAN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

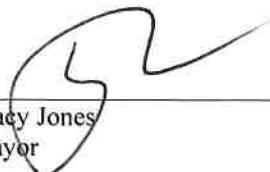
The committee members will coordinate with the Celebrate Emily Day Committee to plan the historic event. When the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee members plan to meet with the Celebrate Emily Day Committee the meetings will be posted.

**MAYOR JONES MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER KOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE – JONES, BRENNAN, HANSON, HEMPHILL, AND KOCH VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting ended at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

  
Cari Johnson, MCMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

  
Tracy Jones  
Mayor