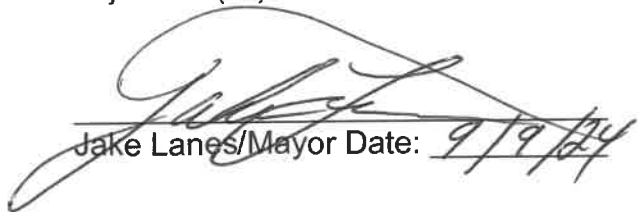


Emerado City Council Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 5, 2024. The city council met on August 5, 2024 @ 7pm, 201 Main Street. Future Council Meeting: September 9, 2024, due to September 2, 2024 being a holiday. Mayor Lanes presiding and called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. M/S/C (TK/TH) Approval of Council Agenda and Approval of minutes from July 1, 2024, Council meeting. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. M/S/C (TK/JL) Approval of July 2024 Financial Report. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. M/S/C (TK/JL) Approval of July 2024 bills paid: #10326-10354: Column Software 213.56, Connecting Point 234, East Central Regional Water 6443.22, GF County Hwy Dept 135, GF Utility Billing 26, IT Technology 58.75, Lonnie Arp 76.88, Marco 212.26, ND League of Cities 753, ND One Call 7.50, Quill.com 100.78, Swanson & Warcup 1252.24, Xcel 56.96, Schmitz 3000, Emerado Fire Dept 4000. ACH/debit: ND Pers (life) 122.52, ND Pers (Retire) 1786.19, EFTPS 2237.08, BC/BS 6098.56, PSN 308.25, Verizon 254.94, Alerus 15, and approval of paying of upcoming bills for August 2024. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. Police Report: Chief Lund gave his report. 37 calls, 5 citations, 7 case reports. Also has a teams meeting on Tuesday regarding Lexipol for policy updating. Stated the cost would be around \$2000. Also talked about new scam going around about a local car lot here in town where someone has made a fake website to sell antique cars. Blighted Structures: Chief Lund explained that at the last meeting S Paulson came in and stated that Bergers had purchased Doc Holidays, but the deal is not final yet as they are in the process of figuring out if there is asbestos in the building or not, if so, it's going to cost more to demo it. But the process of purchase is in the works. Also stated he served papers on G Neice for lots S77, S22, S15 and N11, and has also placed the notices on the doors. Chief Lund also stated that he has not heard anything on S9 (R Gruber trailer). Last heard was the owner of the park Dean Kessler was going to buy it and fix it up, but nothing has been heard from him on this, so it's in the hands of the council what they want to do next. Attorney Warcup asked if a notice of hearing was given to R Gruber or whoever owned the trailer. Since no hearing notice was given previously this needs to be done before moving forward. Chief Lund will find out who owns the trailer and serve them with the notice of hearing for September 9, 2024. Chief Lund also asked the council about T Kramer being the building inspector for the city, as he has previous experience in it, and it would free up a lot of his time. The council agreed to have T Kramer as the representative for the city for the building inspections and T Kramer agreed. Street Signs: Mayor Lanes stated he previously had had two bids from 3D Specialties and Sign Solutions to replace all street & traffic signs, but it did not include installation, so he had reached out to them to update their quote with installation costs. Only one replied back which was 3D Signs for a quote of \$17,576.00, which Mayor Lanes explained what all the quote included. J Linneman stated this has been talked about a lot in the previous years and stated he thought the city should just get it done. Mayor Lanes explained that the American Cares Act could be used for this project since it is replacing not repairing, but that it would not cover all the cost. M/S/C (TW/TH) Motion was made to accept the bid from 3D Specialties for purchasing and installation all street signs. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. Mayor Lanes will contact them to get this scheduled. American Cares Act: Mayor Lanes explained this fund could be designated for the street sign project. The council agreed. Street Sweeping/Painting: Mayor Lanes explained the street sweepers were coming back on August 8th to due main street one more time and they would be doing the street painting on August 9th. Mayor Lanes also explained when he was talking to the street painting people, and they stated that main street was beyond patchwork, and it would need to be dug up and replaced and that was about \$40,000 for a 4000 ft area. This is something that would have to go out for bids. Maybe in the future that could be something the Prairie Dog fund could be used for and may receive some again in the future. Sewer Lines: Mayor Lanes explained the city previously had a quote from Jet Way for cleaning out the manholes and that Auditor Klava had been in contact with them. Auditor Klava explained that the bid that was received was for \$3660 and that they did not want to give a price quote again for all the manholes but would charge by the hour. G Schmitz stated he would go around and open all the manholes so they are ready for them, and that the price could be depending on how well it goes with cleaning them out. The council agreed that it needed to be done. M/S/C (TH/TK) motion to accept the bid from Jet Way for \$3660 to clean the manholes. G Schmitz will contact them to get this scheduled. Midco Agreement Update: Mayor Lanes explained there was a little mix-up when they installed the equipment at firehall as the equipment is more expensive. So,

Midco has agreed to up their reimbursement contract to \$5500 instead of \$5000 to make up the difference. Mayor Lanes stated they had sent him a new contract and he will look it over and sign it if correct. Emerado Corn Feed: Mayor Lanes explained the corn feed was on August 17th. J Renfrow informed the council and public there would be over 30 vendors, a band, raffle, and games for kids. Also, a new addition would be a 10ft corn cob statue placed by the museum this year. Roads will be blocked off on Emery and Oldham both sides. County Road 3/E Emery Ave Project: Mayor Lanes asked G Schmitz when the project would start, and he stated after the corn feed (around August 26, 2024) so would not have to worry about roads for that. J Linneman stated temporary road signs should be put up for no loaded trucks on the road, as they would have to come in on Hancock Ave or they would tear up the roads. Mayor Lanes will contact someone a county highway for signage. Ditch Repair: J Linneman explained that some of the ditches needed to be cleaned out especially by Sand Steel and the elevator. G Schmitz will take a look at them and get them cleaned out. Road Repairs: Mayor Lanes explained there were a few spots around town that needed to be worked on, like Franklin Ave and 6th Street and A Avenue. G Schmitz stated the one on Franklin needs to be fixed with hot mix and the others can be patched. G Schmitz will start to work on some of the road repairs. Water Tower: Mayor Lanes explained that H & H Coating was out last month and inspected the water tower and repaired a leak. Mayor Lanes explained himself, Auditor and G Schmitz met with them over at the water tower to look at it and it is there opinion that this is the last year that it can be cleaned and spot painted, so in the near future it will need to be sandblasted to bare metal and repainted completely, so council should be aware that expense is coming in the near future and the cost is in the 6 figure mark. Mayor Lanes explained he asked them to give quotes for all the different materials and paints that can be used. Past Due Accounts: Auditor Klava explained there was one water shut off. Mayor Lanes explained that a date needed to be set for the public hearing for the budget needed to be set not before September 7th but not after Octobre 7th. Public Hearing for budget was scheduled for September 9th at 6pm.

Adjourned (JL)


Jake Lanes/Mayor Date: 9/9/24


Janelle Klava/City Auditor Date: 9/9/24