

Emmetsburg City Council Proceedings  
Monday, October 11, 2021  
Regular Session  
6:00 P.M

The Emmetsburg City Council met in the Poet Room of The Shores (due to COVID-19) on the above date with Mayor Patrick Degen calling the meeting to order and the following council members answering the roll call: Bill Burdick, Jr., Brian Malm, Todd Bell, Steve Finer, Mike Hermansen, and Ryan Berkland.

**AGENDA**

Motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion carried to adopt the following consent agenda: approve previous minutes of September 27, 2021; approve July 2021 financial report; approve September 2021 claims list - \$542,558.50; approve Class C liquor license and outdoor service for Dublin's Food and Spirits; and approve Class C liquor license, outdoor service, and Sunday sales for VFW.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Police Chief Ryan Veldboom shared that Larry Ackerman is expected to be submitting his resignation after fourteen years of service. This will leave two police reserves.

Marketing and Retail Coordinator Gretchen Reichter reported three downtown housing proposals were received. Of those, Justin and Abby Burns was selected, on a local level, as the strongest. They have the potential to do at least five units. A grant of \$5,000 has been applied for to help with the architect fees. They should know in a week or so if they were awarded that grant. Once plans are developed, Reichter will update Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion carried to approve community branding proposal and agreement with Arnett Muldrow & Associates in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion carried to approve City's community wide strategic plan.

Motion carried to approve appointing Kent Malm to fulfill Jeff Morey's term on the Parks Board.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to go into closed session pursuant Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) – To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expect to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.

Motion carried to allow Administration to pursue, as needed, at the price range established on the property discussed in closed session.

**ADJOURN**

With no further discussion to come before the council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Patrick Degen

ATTEST:

Billie Jo Joyce, City Clerk