

Emerado City Council Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026. The City Council met on Jan 14th, 2026, at 6pm, 201 Main St. Mayor Lanes presided and called the meeting to order at 6pm. The meeting was called by T. Wynn at the request of the City Auditor regarding a discussion with the ND League of Cities regarding city financials. Roll Call: T. Wynn, M. Scott, J. Linneman. Auditor explained the conversation with the League of Cities, and moving 20% of all enterprise funds to the General Fund, as well as moving other funds to the General Fund to the fund accounting system indicating a deficit in the fund. Overall, the fund accounting shows the accounts \$330,000 negatively and would require a \$775,000 change to indicate a positive. Monthly routine expenditures were tallied at approx. \$48,000 to \$50,000. Discussion was made on how fund accounting started at a zero balance, so the numbers continually show a negative balance. Discussion was held regarding revenue vs income each month. League of Cities recommended options to include taking out a loan, eliminating the Police Department, cutting employee benefits, making the city a Home Rule Charter and cutting the water consulting firm and water maintenance service. Discussion was held regarding the options and it was recommended to the council to finalize a decision that evening. A resolution was made to increase the public safety charges by an addition \$60.00 over what they already pay. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.