

Emerado City Council Meeting, Thursday, May 11th, 2026: The City Council met on May 11th, 2026 at 7pm, 201 Main St. Mayor Lanes presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members Wynn and Linneman were present. Motion to approve consent agenda carried unanimously. Previous meeting minutes reviewed and a motion to approve carried unanimously with an amendment to expenditures, as some were duplicated. Councilwoman Wynn discussed that there was very little financial activity outside normal operations, and April bank statements were presented for review. Check: 10944-10953: 5482.54 A&D, 6364.62 Blue Water, 8660.00 Emerado Fire Department (1st & 2nd Quarter Contracts), 792.20 Marco, 9293.04 East Central, 15,176.13 H&H Coating, 369.40 J. Lanes, 295.52 J. Linneman, 295.52 T. Wynn, 6456.24 D. Lund, ACH/Debit: 21.42 Michaels (Card Stock), 141.74 Cyberlink, 300.00 PSN, 110.59 Verizon, 31.12 Walmart, 178.86 Matthew bender, 45.08 NDPERS, 50.45 NDPERS, 154.52 NDPERS, 897.23 WSI, 288.74 GF Utilities, 10.11 GF Utilities. Future Bills Approved: 6568.21 Blue Water, 2500.40 Swanson & Warcup, 229.40 Marco, NW Power 10545.50, 131.15 Verizon, 140.60 Waste Management, 288.74 GF Environ. Lab, 2611.00 Marsh McLeannan, 1350.00 Base Utilities. A question was raised regarding a payment to D. Lund and was explained as his final leave payment. Also discussed was cost regarding the PRV and installation. Wynn indicated the bank balance appeared lower than usual due to water payments still needing to be deposited in the bank, Insurance payments were discussed regarding the City's standard annual insurance coverage. Wynn also identified a typo regarding a \$10,597.50 expense, that was missing a description and needed to be identified. Council agreed to delay payment until identification could be made. All other financials approved unanimously. Unfinished business discussed regarding the PRV install; Jim Olson of Blue Water Consulting provided an update regarding installation of the new Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) at the city pump house; The PRV has been delivered and is currently awaiting installation, Due to the absence of a city contractor, Blue Water Consulting obtained a proposal from Municipal Services, a subcontractor utilized by Northwest Power Equipment. The proposal includes three-line items. Mr. Olson recommended proceeding only with Line Item #1 at this time, which consists of installing the PRV. The estimated cost for the installation is approximately \$2,200. Additional recommended improvements to the pump house are considered future projects and may be completed when funding becomes available. Municipal Services indicated the work could potentially be completed shortly after council approval. Mr. Olson also discussed the results of a recent sewer camera inspection. The inspection cost approximately \$200. Cameras were deployed through three manholes to evaluate the condition of the sewer system. Video footage was obtained and is available for review. The inspection provided valuable information regarding current system conditions and potential future maintenance needs. Although specialized sewer inspection firms offer more comprehensive reporting and cleaning capabilities, the inspection was considered a

worthwhile investment. A question was raised regarding fire protection due to the water tower being out of service and the fire hydrants not functioning until the PRV installation. Mayor Lanes explained that the fire department had an agreement for mutual aid with other departments, and that fire protection was still covered. A motion was made to hire Municipal services for the PRV installation, carried unanimously. Council discussed a franchise fee and agreement with Xcel Energy. Tabled until the July meeting. Discussed New Business; Merlyn Hensrud address the council about a sewer clog determined by both Precision Plumbing and ND Rural Water along with Blue Water Consulting to be a clog in the city sewer main which caused backup into his residence, Council agreed to pay the bill of approximately \$270 pending submission of the bill to the city. Per ND Century Code the official newspaper of the city was to be set at the May Meeting. A motion was made to set the official newspaper as the Grand Forks Herald, carried unanimously. Gaming permits from the Lions Club and the Kem Shriners were presented to the council. Motion was made by Linneman to approve the gaming permits, passed unanimously. The upcoming election was discussed, and a reminder was made to the candidates to submit their campaign contributions statements if required. DEQ testing was discussed regarding water samples and the city reportedly failing to submit required testing. Councilwoman Wynn discussed that samples were collected and submitted monthly and notices would go out to the residence upon failures as required by DEQ. Discussion regarding Police Memorial Week. Questions were raised about the water tower being placed back into service. Discussion was had on the need to install further parts and protections, as well as sanitize the tower before reactivation. No further discussion or public comment. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.