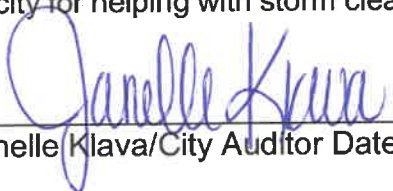


Emerado City Council Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 8, 2025. The city council met on September 8, 2025 @ 7pm, 201 Main Street. Future Council Meeting: October 6, 2025. Mayor Lanes presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Let record show all members present. Mayor explained to the council and the public what consent agenda was. Consent Agenda: (the consent agenda consists of routine items which will be approved by one motion and one vote unless removed for separate discussion) M/S/C (TW/TH) Motion to approve Consent Agenda. a) Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, b) Auditors Report: August 2025 (Financial Report for August 2025), c) Approval of payment of Monthly Bills and future bills to be paid below for September 2025: Lexis Nexis 110.86, ND One Call 18, Marco 255.40, Vector Control 1290, WM (Storm Dumpsters) 6933.04, Berger Enterprise 2800 (Storm Dumpsters), Dietzler Electric 3935.72 (Storm-Water Tower), Schmitz 5970, Schmitz 4380, Schmitz 9543.63, Schmitz 4425, Base Utilities 3465, H & H Coating 3235.78. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hason. Mayor let record show all in favor. Law Enforcement Report: M/S/C (TH/TW) Motion to accept the Law Enforcement Report. Chief Lund stated he had 31 service calls, 5 case reports and 0 citations. Registered sex offenders within the city are 1 high risk, 2 moderate, 3 low risk. Abandon/junk vehicles: King St (mostly cleaned up still some rv's that are the owners and apparently wants to keep them. She is incarcerated till 12/25. Owners' sister has been fined by the court. Acks Mobile Home Park rental office was damaged and has moved to S60. Chief Lund explained they would be conducting an emergency evacuation at the school and would be busing all the kids to Johnnys on 9/12/25. Chief Lund also stated his new vest has arrived. Unfinished Business/New Business: a) Schmitz Inc Contract: Mayor Lanes stated he thought more work needs to be done to the contract, such as the way things were completed and started, water leaks etc. as \$42,000 a year plus time and materials the city was paying out about \$60,000-100,000. He stated G Schmitz has done a good job for the city, but things needed to be changed/added into the contract, that is why they were asking for information from other companies to see what the options are. He stated that he met with a contractor they would charge by time and materials only, so could eliminate the \$42,000 that is being paid out to Schmitz Inc for the contract. Mayor Lanes stated he would turn it over to the council to continue negotiations on this. T Kramer explained he had the contract renegotiated with G Schmitz. Mayor Lanes explained again he thought the contract needed to be reworked with more things added to it. T Hanson stated that money is a factor. T Wynn stated they should look at all options. Mayor Lanes explained that a decision needed to be made, and it could not be tabled. Auditor Klava explained that G Schmitz had talked with her and stated that he was done when his contract ended. Mayor Lanes explained they could call a special meeting after requesting information proposals before then. An ad will be placed in the GF Herald for two weeks requesting information from companies for the maintenance contract. Special meeting was scheduled for 9/25/25 @ 6pm to open the proposals that are received. B) Waste Management Contract: Mayor Lanes explained he would give the contract to Attorney Warcup to look over. c) Blue Water Consulting: J Olson came in and talked about the issues the city is having with water leaks (leaks out there just have to find them, as losing a lot of water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, water tower (no funding out there for rehabbing), water distribution system, hydrant programs, GIS mapping of water & sewer lines, water tower, preliminary water rate study should be done 10/1/25. He asked the city for approval to put the city on the list for SRF State Funding. M/S/C (TW/TH) Approval for J Olson to file the paperwork to put the City of Emerado on the SRF state funding eligibility list, listing the water tower as the project. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. He talked about televising & cleaning the sewer system and would cost roughly \$35,000-\$49,000 for the entire town but could be done in two phases. d) Deputy Auditor M/S/C (TH/TW) Motion made to accept the hiring of Deputy Auditor. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. Auditor Klava will put ad in the GF Herald. e) Building Inspection Report-Dangerous Buildings. It was discussed and property paperwork and notice has to be given to the property owner. T Kramer will meet with Chief Lund to get this done. f) Emergency management Damage Assessment: Auditor Klava explained she filled out all the paperwork and reports needed and submitted them to the state. The state is waiting to find out if they declare a federal emergency and if so, we could be reimbursed for most of the cost from what was spent on the storm on 8/8/25 which was roughly \$20,000 for the roll off dumpsters and tree removal. Also explained an insurance claim was submitted to the insurance company for the damage to the water tower and also to the

leg of the water tower. Waiting to hear back from them. g) Lead Copper Assessment: Auditor Klava explained the lead/copper assessment has been submitted to the state and accepted so it should be good for now. h) Back the Blue Grant: Mayor Lanes explained the police dept has filled out the paperwork for the Back the Blue Grant again this year. M/S/C (TK/TW) Motion to accept the Back the Blue Grant and expel the funds to Chief Lund once received. i) 2nd reading of Ordinance 15.0502 Subdivision 15.2000, subdivision E, F & G. M/S/C (TH/JL) Motion to accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance 15.0502 Subdivision 15.2000, subdivision E, F & G and pass into law. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. j) Ordinance 1.0203 Salaries: 2nd reading of Ordinance 1.0203 with edit changes of \$200 for mayor and \$160 for council members. M/S/C (TH/JL) Motion to accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1.0203 with the edit changes and pass it into law. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. k) Resolution to change the water rates and sewer rates. (TK/JL) Resolution to increase the water rates by \$4.50 and increase the sewer rates by \$4.50. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor. l) Public Comments: R Gruber asked if there was an ordinance on loud music. Mayor Lanes explained she needed to report it to law enforcement. J Renfrow: Suggested the city should reconsider having Schmitz Inc for the maintenance contract. E Bader: Thanked the city for helping with storm cleanup. Motion to Adjourn (TH).


Jake Lanes/Mayor Date: 11/3/25


Janelle Klava/City Auditor Date: 11/3/25