

CITY OF EMERADO COUNCIL 6-8-2026; 7:00PM

Roll Call: Wynn, Linneman, Mayor Lanes

Consent Agenda

- The Council approved the consent agenda, including the minutes from the previous meeting.

Financial Report & Bills

- Council reviewed monthly financial reports and bills, and clarified several invoice items, including reimbursement to Blue Water for emergency water repair parts purchased through Core & Main. Council discussed water billing cycles and expected account balances. Motion made by Linneman, 2nd by Wynn to approve payment for all presented bills. Check #10954-10970, 10982: Nodak 1,381.08, ND One Call 27.55, East Central 25,000, Northwestern Power Equipment 10,545.50, Bluewater Consulting 6,583.19, Floor Guys 800.00, Waste Management 140.60, Marco 229.40, Swanson & Warcup 2500.40, East Central 7,635.91, CJ Lawn Care 10,597.50, Marsh & Macleanen 2611.00, Base Utilities 1350.00, Matthew Bender 178.83, Jake Lanes 184.70, Joel Linneman 147.76, Tamara Wynn 147.76, Judge Patrick Rosenquist 732.95 ACH/Debit: Xcel Energy 614.36, PSN 300.00, Verizon 131.15, City of Grand Forks 102.00, Microsoft 136.49, NDPERS 45.08, ND Public Finance 11,362.50, future bills paid in June 2026: 8,097.78 Bluewater Consulting, 2000.00 Municipal Service Co., 1450.00 Custom Design Plumbing, 4,479.24 Bluewater Consulting Reimbursement(Core & Main).

Appointment of City Auditor

- Following completion of the application and interview process, Council considered the appointment of a new City Auditor. Councilman Linneman was recused due to a conflict of interest. Appointment of **Jan Linneman** as City Auditor made by Mayor Lanes, 2nd by Wynn, contingent upon completion of remaining employment documentation. Council noted the position will not include employee benefits at the appointee's request, reducing budget impact.

FEMA Reimbursement Update

- Wynn reported the FEMA reimbursement process related to the August storm has been completed. The city received approximately **\$13,750** in reimbursement, including administrative costs associated with grant management.

Water System Update

Jim Olson of Blue Water Consulting provided updates on ongoing utility projects including:

- Progress of the Pump House PRV installation, Emergency repair of the transmission water main near Arvilla following a major leak, Investigation of a possible leak near the elevator property, finding no leak, Continued monitoring of water system performance, DEQ communications regarding system pressure and boil order requirements, Lagoon discharge operations and regulatory compliance, Audit document requests from the State Auditor's Office, Recommendation that future administrations maintain critical repair parts on hand due to aging infrastructure.

Military Compatibility Committee

- Council received information regarding the Grand Forks Air Force Base Military Compatibility Committee. Council approved the nomination of **Dean Hoover** as the representative for participating cities within the Military Compatibility Zone.

City Hall Building Damage

- Council was informed of minor damage to City Hall caused by contact with a city lawn mower. The party responsible reported the incident and will cover all repair costs.

Municipal Court Recording Equipment

- Council discussed new state requirements requiring municipal courts to become Courts of Record. Council approved the purchase of required recording equipment to maintain compliance with state law.

Auditor Bond Resolution

- Council adopted a resolution establishing the City Auditor's official bond at **\$250,000**, consistent with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

Recognition of Police Chief Dan Lund

- The mayor presented former Police Chief Dan Lund with a plaque recognizing 25 years of law enforcement service, including 10 years of dedicated service to the City of Emerado.

Public Comment

- Questions regarding delayed water bills and late fees. Staff clarified that while some bills were delayed, no late fees would be assessed for delays caused by the City. Questions regarding the City's water repair contractor and contractor availability for emergency infrastructure repairs. Request for community sponsors for downtown flowerpots.

Mayor's Closing Remarks

Mayor Jake Lanes delivered closing remarks reflecting his term in office, highlighting accomplishments including:

- Improvements to city financial management and audit completion efforts, Progress in addressing deteriorated mobile homes, Efforts to improve transparency and accountability, Initiation of long-term planning for water and sewer infrastructure improvements, Encouragement for future leadership to continue focusing on preventative maintenance, infrastructure investment, grant funding opportunities, and community cooperation.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm. Next regular meeting July 6th, 2026.