Emerado City Council Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024. The city council thet of April 1, 2024 @ 7pm, 201 Main Street. Future Council Meeting: May 6, 2024. Mayor Lanes started the meeting at 7:00pm. Roll Call Vote: T Wynn, T Kramer, T Hanson, J Linneman.

M/S/C (TK/TH) Approval of Council Agenda and Approval of minutes from March 4, 2024, Council meeting. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, T Hanson, J Linneman. Mayor let record show all in favor.

M/S/C (TH/JL) Approval of March 2024 Financial Report, approval of March 2024 bills paid, and approval of paying of upcoming bills for April 2024. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor.

Police Report—Chief Lund gave his police report. Lions Club has agreed to pay for his vest, so that will be ordered. Chief Lund explained his camera system is all installed and he received the last piece of equipment today. Chief Lund explained to the council that he had gone through Acks Trailer Court & Northern View and labeled all the occupied/unoccupied trailers for future reference. There are 122 occupied trailers and 33 unoccupied/uninhabitable. Mayor Lanes brought up that houses need to have numbers on them so the fire dept/police can find them. A lot of houses do not have numbers. A letter should be sent out to all residents that a house number needs to be placed on their homes that are visible to see, and they need to be 4" in diameter per ordinance. Chief Lund explained he had 10 registered sex offenders in the city as of today.

2nd reading of Ordinance #13.0202,13.0204, 13.0208, 13.0209 and, 13.0211. The council decided not to pass these ordinances until some changes were made. Mayor asked Chief Lund and Attorney Warcup to work together to get these rewritten. Tabled to next meeting.

M/S/C (TH/TK) Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #13.0203. Roll Call: T Wynn, T Kramer, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all in favor.

Midco Agreement-Mayor Lanes explained he had made the counteroffer of \$6000, and they came back with an offer of \$4500, up from their original offer of \$3500. He explained that we pay about \$4900 yearly for services from them. The council agreed to the \$4500 as long as we are receiving the highest quality service from them. Mayor Lanes will contact Midco and see what they say.

Bill Williams approached the council asking that the fees for his building at 105 Franklin be changed to a multiplier of 5 instead of 7.5. He explained that he has 6 one bedrooms and 2 two-bedroom apartments in the building. The council agreed to change the multiplier to 5 for all the fees except for water, which will remain with a multiplier of 7.5.

Lavern Berger did not attend. Tabled to next meeting.

Tree Trimming & Spring Clean-up. Mayor explained there were a lot of trees that needed to be trimmed. J Linneman stated that he had begun cleaning out the ditch by the park and that he would be doing more work in it this weekend. J Linneman stated that he would drive around tomorrow and see what else needs to be trimmed. Mayor Lanes stated that there was a tree on Hancock & Main by Sand Steel that has started to grow into the ditch line. J Linneman stated that the gas lines are right by that one. J Linneman suggested maybe calling Xcel to see if they would do something about it. Mayor Lanes talked about spring clean-up. Auditor Klava explained she called WM and last year it was May 18-21. The council will wait and decide on a date.

M/S/C (JL/TK) Approval of the renewal of the Lions Club gaming license at Johnnys.

Election-Mayor Lanes explained that the petitions for the election had to be in by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Auditor Klava explained that all petitions were in and that a meeting would need to be held to draw the order of the names on the ballot. Auditor Klava will contact the county to see who needs to attend the meeting and when it needs to be done.

Equalization Meeting scheduled for April 6, 2024 @ 6pm. J Linneman stated he would be absent.

Mayor Lanes explained to the council that the city had been hit with a large bill from the IRS for \$27,010.09. Mayor Lanes explained that Auditor Klava had been working with them to get the penalty fees refunded as the city did not know they owed the money so shouldn't be changed penalties. Auditor Klava explained it was for Social Security and Medicare for changes they made back in 2023 that they just implemented, and that she had filled out the required paperwork for the refund, so will have to wait to see.

J Linneman asked Chief Lund to go around and ticket the unlicensed vehicles as there were a lot around. Chief Lund stated he would work on it.

CHECK#	<b>BILLS PAID IN MARCH 2024</b>	AMOUNT
10186	Connecting Point	\$26.79
10187	Marco	\$232.92
10188	Quill.com	\$94.47
10189	Stones Mobile (PD-Myra Grant)	\$1266.25
10190	Swanson & Warcup	\$654.12
10191	VOID	\$0
10192	Schmitz Inc (February Contract)	\$3000.00
10193	Column Software (Newspaper)	\$120.17
10194	VOID	\$0
10201	Connecting Point	\$242.00
10202	East Central Regional Water	\$6960.52
10203	IT Technology	\$68.90
10204	Midco (Cityhall)	\$75.50
10205	Schmitz Inc (Snow Removal)	\$1795.00
10206	Schmitz Inc (Snow Removal)	\$1752.50
10209	Bosma Enterprises (Sewer Repair King Street)	\$2800.00
10210	Column Software (Newspaper)	\$91.20
10211	LexisNexis (ND Court Rules Book)	\$74.73
10212	Midco (Firehall)	\$78.77
10213	Midco (Cityhall)	\$171.34
10214	Nodak	\$1193.22
10215	Swanson & Warcup	\$1273.32
10216	Waste Management	\$2003.66
10217	Waste Management (Recycle Dumpster)	\$227.47
10218	Waste Management	\$3489.36
10219	Railroad Management Company	\$805.92
10220	Connecting Point (PD-Myra Grant)	\$6423.20

	<b>ACH PAYMENTS MADE IN MARCH 2024</b>	AMOUNT
ACH	PSN (Monthly Pymt)	\$307.00
ACH	ND Pers (Retire)	\$1666.02
ACH	EFTPS Payments	
ACH	ND PERS (Life)	\$122.52
ACH	BC/BS	\$5753.66
ACH	Verizon	\$255.02
ACH	Bank Service Charge	\$15.00
DEBIT CA	ARD PAYMENTS MADE IN MARCH 2024	<b>AMOUNT</b> \$213.30
		\$48.37
Simonsons (PD) Loves (PD)		\$31.47
Holiday Inn Express (PD)		\$333.83
Apple.com (PD)		9.99
Amazon (PD-Myra Grant)		\$151.74
Home of Economy (PD)		\$4.58
Leatherman (PD)		\$121.65
USPS (Postage Stamps)		\$58.00
	Office Supplies)	\$56.33
BILLS TO	D BE APPROVED TO BE PAID IN APRIL 2024	AMOUNT
Schmitz	Inc (Waiting for payment from Polar) Not a bill to be paid—	\$1125.00
Schmitz waiting for	Inc (Waiting for payment from Polar) Not a bill to be paid— or payment from them	\$11

ADJORNMENT: TK

Meeting minutes are unofficial until approved by the City Council. J Klava City Auditor

Jake Lanes/Mayor Date: 5

Janelle Klava/City Auditor Date: