

**CITY OF EMERADO
201 MAIN STREET, EMERADO, ND 58228
SPECIAL MEETING
9/25/2025 6PM**

AGENDA:

The city council is scheduled to meet a Special Meeting on September 25, 2025 @ 6pm located at 201 Main Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Lanes started the meeting at 6pm on September 25, 2025. Roll Call: T Wynn, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let record show all members are present.

- I. RFP's for City Water/Sewer and Maintenance: Mayor Lanes explained today's meeting was to look at the information proposals that were received for the water/sewer maintenance contract, to eliminate fighting and look into other options and also discuss the current contract with Schmitz Inc and develop a negotiation strategy. M Scott asked if she could talk on the subject and Mayor Lanes explained she would be able to talk at the end of the meeting during public comments. Auditor Klava stated that G Schmitz came and talked to her and stated he was done when his contract ended on 9/21/25. Mayor Lanes explained this was not done with the intention of eliminating Schmitz Inc but to renegotiate his contract. Mayor Lanes explained this meeting was to get information only from different companies to see what's out there. He explained the only information that was received was from A & D Excavating and was provided to the council. Mayor Lanes explained what A & D Excavating provided was their rates per hour and per unit/call would be. No fees upfront and would only charge for time and material only. Respond within 2 hours and elevate and reroute. Mayor Lanes explained they were currently working for the City of Grand Forks water department. T Hanson questioned the A & D Excavating information sheet as having a 7/17/25 date. Mayor Lanes replies, "Yes that is correct". T Hanson asked if the information could be accepted with that date? Mayor Lane stated "Yes, it's for information only so date doesn't matter it's probably a typo". T Wynn stated that she would like to review all options & bring in Schmitz Inc & A & D Excavating for further discussion. Mayor Lanes asked council to reach out to both to see if they would be interested in coming to the next council meeting or meeting with the committee separately. Mayor Lanes advised the council to make decisions that are best for the city even though probably won't make some people very happy. And that they need to take action as it's our job to deal with problems in the city such as water, sewer, drugs, streets, etc. Time to take action and it's upon all of us to do this. Public elected council to do this. J Linneman stated he would like to revisit Schmitz Inc contract regarding documentation and such as it was not councils' intention to get rid of G Schmitz. Mayor Lanes stated that follow-up needed to be done in a timely matter and if all in agreement then can move forward. Public Comment: M Scott asked Mayor Lanes if council saw the RFP before tonight's meeting since it was due on 9/24/25 4pm, he explained it was given to council to look over, and if there was a list of problems that may relate to Schmitz, like what needs to be done, etc? Mayor Lanes talked about the last 6 months on water, sewer, and road repairs. And that there is a list of priorities such as new water/sewer lines, water tower and working on water rate study. M Scott asked Mayor Lanes if A & D Excavating met the RFP requirements. Mayor Lanes stated they did. M Scott asked if A & D Excavating

- could be brought in for an open forum where residents could ask questions and ask for clarification on their information they provided. M Scott also asked Mayor Lanes if Schmitz Inc met the RFP requirements and Mayor Lanes replied, "no they do not meet the requirements, that's why city council wanted to renegotiate his contract". T Hanson asked about the date again on the information sheet from A & D Excavating being dated July 2025 and if that could be accepted? Mayor Lanes stated that probably was a typo on the date and that they could accept it as it was for information purposes only. M Scott asked why there was no roll call for T Kramer? Mayor Lanes explained that T Kramer had resigned. S Brower asked if A & D was working with City of GF how the City of Emerado was going be prioritized. Mayor Lanes explained that A & D has guaranteed 2 hr window to respond. M Scott asked the names of the owners of A & D and Mayor Lanes stated he didn't know at the moment. G Carol explained with the contract with G Schmitz being 24/7 that was what we were paying out for was to have that service available and that he was right here in Emerado. S Brower asked if there was going to be follow-up to work being done and submitting documentation. Mayor explained council members would not be going out to check on the work being done. J Johnson asked about fire hydrants being flushed by fire department. Mayor Lanes stated that job had been taken away from the fire dept few years back. J Johnson stated he would purchase the pump to get the hydrants done.
- II. Street Repairs (Main Street & D Avenue)-Culvert by school and D Avenue Mayor Lanes explained Schmitz Inc had stated it would cost \$33,000. Mayor explained legally it would need to be put out for bid since the bid was to high. Mayor Lanes also talked about the paving on Emery Ave and that county paid 90% if it and city would be responsible for the remainder, which was a good deal. School needs to be done. Talked about putting cold mix in the potholes. There was talk about turning D Ave back into gravel instead of spending money to repair it.
 - III. Waste Management Contract: Mayor explained Attorney Warcup looked over the contract and ok'd it. M/S/C (TH/JL) Motion to accept the contract with Waste Management. Roll Call: T Wynn, J Linneman, T Hanson. Mayor let the record show all in favor. Mayor Lanes explained once the contract was received it would be signed.
 - IV. Public Comments: J Johnson asked if the Fire Dept could check on the fire hydrants? Mayor Lanes stated if they had the staffing to do it. Mayor Lanes that was for a different meeting at a later date. No further comments.
 - V. M/S/C (TW) Adjourn.

*****At Special Meetings, once agenda is set, no additional topics may be discussed or voted upon*****

Jake Lanes/Mayor Date: _____

Janelle Klava/City Auditor Date: _____