

**Minutes
Emery City Council
August 11, 2025**

The Emery City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2025, at the city office. At 7:00 PM, Mayor Kyle Beach called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Brad Bartscher, Ross Bartscher, Ryan Storm, Clar Weber and Elizabeth Weber. Also attending were Finance Officer Kristi Wollmann and Maintenance Supervisor Travis Kampshoff. The following visitors were in attendance: Jessie Yttreiness and Kelbie Miller representing the Little Huskies Daycare fundraiser committee. Kenny Kayser was unable to attend.

Agenda

Motion by Storm to approve the agenda with the following items added to new business: building permit and strategic plan. C. Weber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Minutes

Motion by Storm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 14, 2025. E. Weber seconded the motion. All votes aye. Motion by C. Weber to approve the minutes of the special meeting August 5, 2025. Storm seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Public Comment

None

Daycare Report

A discussion was held on the daycare lease opportunity. Kelbie Miller spoke on behalf of the Little Huskies Daycare fundraiser committee and explained that the committee would like to use the money to give back to the community. Motion B. Bartscher to return fundraiser money to the Little Huskies Daycare fundraiser committee provided they form a legal entity with an EIN so the city can return the account to the committee as a legal entity. Storm seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Daycare Dumpster

The 4-yard dumpster at the daycare has reached its usable life because the bottom is rusted out, therefore, the dumpster is of no value to the city. Addy Disposal would be interested in repairing the dumpster and offered \$100/yard for the dumpster. Motion Storm to sell the dumpster to Addy Disposal for \$400.00. R. Bartscher seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Maintenance Report

A discussion was held on the Storm Sewer Project.

Finance Officer Report

Claims, reports and letters were discussed. Motion E. Weber to approve the claims and July reports. C. Weber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approve Security State Bank ACH Agreement

Motion C. Weber to approve signing Security State Bank ACH agreement to allow autopay for utility billing customers. Seconded by Storm. All votes aye.

July 2025 Gross Wages by Dept

Finance \$4,036.96; Streets \$6,933.61; Sanitation \$774.80; Sewer \$2,210.81; Water \$2,611.36; Pool \$8,398.52; Parks \$1,800.15; Daycare \$10,831.38;

Claims to Approve (prior to meeting including ACH claims)

HANSON RURAL WATER water purchases \$6,302.60; VISA supply/daycare \$626.81; AFLAC insurance \$321.12; FIRST RATE EXCAVATE storm sewer project \$311,397.78; SD DEPT OF REVENUE sales tax on garbage/pool \$612.17; SDRS retirement \$2,226.26; XCEL ENERGY city buildings/street lighting \$2,385.11; USDA RURAL DEV tractor loan payment \$777.00; IRS payroll tax PP14 of 2025 \$2,819.95; CENTRAL ELECTRIC eagle estates street lighting/sewer lift station \$173.17; USDA RURAL DEV wastewater loan - sewer fund \$1,556.00; USDA RURAL DEV wastewater loan -water fund \$837.00; AREAWIDE BUSINESS COUNCIL daycare loan \$213.03; IRS payroll tax PP15 \$2,594.79; SD REEMPLOYMENT INS 2nd qtr. \$874.29;

Claims to Approve (at meeting)

ADDY DISPOSAL INC garbage service \$ 4,298.00; ALEXANDRIA ACE HARDWARE pool supply \$28.78; CENTURY LINK daycare 2nd line \$32.72; CHS budget propane/tank lease \$1,002.00; FINK LAW legal fees \$380.10; HAAG AUTO & DIESEL repair pickup \$1,289.29; HANSON COUNTY SHERIFF contract law \$2,000.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC shop rental \$42.50; NEW CENTURY PRESS council pubs \$86.13; OFFICE ADVANTAGE printer contract \$143.91; SD DEPT OF HEALTH water test fees \$20.00; SDARWS annual dues \$410.00; SOUTHEAST SD TOURISM annual membership \$275.00; TOTAL STOP supply \$747.46; TRIOTEL phone/internet \$338.58; SPN engineer fees \$26,909.75; ALLIANCE CONSTRUCTION storm sewer project \$13,844.26; RYLEE FURGESON 1st half lifeguard cert. \$132.50; ASHTON GOLDER 1st half lifeguard cert. \$132.50; TAYLOR HAWLEY 1st half lifeguard cert. \$132.50; MAIZEY STROMBECK 1st half lifeguard cert. \$73.00; ELIZABETH WEBER reimburse for pool supply \$198.70; JESSIE YTTRENESS 1st half WSI cert. \$100.00; GINNY ZORR 2nd half lifeguard cert. 23.97;

Old Business

Nuisance Properties

Nuisance properties were discussed. Letters will be sent to those in violation of city mowing ordinances.

New Business

Open Meeting Laws 2025

An updated brochure of open meeting laws was emailed to council for review.

Pool

A discussion was held on complaints about the pool closing and not being opened as much as posted. Staffing has been an issue.

Budget 2026

Ordinance 2025-01 Approve First Reading

Motion C. Weber to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01 (2026 Budget Appropriations). B. Bartscher seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Strategic Plan

A discussion was held on implementing a strategic plan.

Building Permit

A building permit application was presented from Bridgewater-Emery School for the demolition of a house and garage at 221 6th Street, Emery, SD. Motion by Storm to approve permit. R. Bartscher seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Other Concerns

A discussion was held on crack sealing streets.

Adjourn

Motion by Storm to adjourn at 8:16 PM. E. Weber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Kyle Beach, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Wollmann, Finance Officer

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