



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
7:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum Check** was made by Mayor Bo Jordan and attendees were; Council Members Dennis Mauldin, Jody Bishop, Charles Dabbs and Charles Lowry; City Manager Kevin McBurnett, Assistant City Manager Todd Heath, City Clerk Robbie Swords, Deputy City Clerk Joy Wheeler, Police Chief Kyle Teems, Court Clerk Kelli Neal, Bill Popham, Vince Wiley, Donnie Bagwell, Phil Westbrook, visitors and media.
- II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Bishop .
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda** - A motion was made by Bishop to approve the agenda. A second was given by Mauldin. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes -**
  - 1. Draft Minutes - January 8, 2024 - Council Meeting** - A motion was made by Mauldin to approve with a second from Dabbs. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
  - 2. Draft Minutes - January 22, 2024 - Work Session** - A motion was made by Bishop to approve with a second from Dabbs. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
  - 3. Draft Minutes - January 22, 2024 - Council Meeting** - A motion was made by Dabbs to approve with a second from Bishop. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
- V. Public Comments**
  - 1.** Muralidhar Reddy Mayinampati and his attorney Harry White requested to speak on the distilled spirits application for Mr. Mayinampati. Mr. White explained that the application form was submitted on 1/17/2024 however some of the required attachments were not submitted yet. Due to the current Alcohol Ordinance, this location at 644 Hwy. 293 and the other location at 655 Hwy. 293 would be within the 1500 ft. limit for distancing between liquor stores. They requested the Council to reconsider the 1500 ft. limit and Mr. Mayinampati's application for a license. No Action Taken.
- VI. Presentations and Proclamations** - Mayor Jordan presented Donnie Bagwell with an award of appreciation for his service as Mayor for 2023 and his dedication to the City of Emerson. Bagwell volunteered to serve the remainder of 2023 as Mayor after the passing of Al Pallone in December, 2022.

**VII. Reports**

- 1. CVB Board Meeting**
- 2. MPO Meeting**
- 3. TAP Grant**

McBurnett updated the Council on the meetings he had attended on behalf of the City of Emerson. He also announced the artist for the City's Iron Butterfly project will be Faith Tatum and the finished sculpture would be placed in an area by the new Police Station.

**VIII. Announcements**

McBurnett announced that the employee anniversary dates for January were: Justin Lusian with 3 years, Joy Wheeler with 6 years, Mike Brady with 1 year and that in February, Chief Teems would be with the City for 29 years.

**IX. Public Hearings**

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

- 1. Alcohol License Application \_ Lakeside Liquors - Bishop Recused.** Heath reviewed the application for Keith Henderson, 655 Hwy. 293 for a alcohol license. Heath stated the building renovations could begin and a conditional license could be issued for 90 days to allow for all final inspections to be completed before final license is issued. A motion was made by Lowry to approve with a second from Jordan. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
- 2. Resolution # 2024-006 - CVB Appointment - O'Brien -** McBurnett recommended we re-appoint Mr. Mark O'Brien to be our representative on the CVB Board. O'Brien had been appointed to fill the remaining term of Bill Chandler which was set to end at the end of February. A motion was made by Lowry to approve with a second from Mauldin. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.
- 3. Resolution # 2024-007 - Term Limits -** Lowry stated he was in favor of term limits which would allow a council member to serve 2 terms, and then run for Mayor and serve a term. There would be a limit of 12 years in office total for any individual. Lowry made a motion to approve. No second was given and the item died on the table. Not Approved.
- 4. Garbage Truck -** McBurnett reviewed the information on a new garbage truck and the discussion during the work session. He stated he would bring back further information to the council on this item in the future.


## **XII. Mayor and Council Comments**

Mauldin asked about the permit status of the temporary building at Doug's Place and was informed by Heath it has been permitted. Lowry asked about the new inventory of water lines and the deadline of August, 2024. McBurnett stated that Joy Wheeler is working with the Water/Sewer Dept on that inventory and we would make the deadline of August. Mayor Jordan stated he knows that some of the decisions that have to be made are difficult and he would like all to continue to work together to find resolutions. He also reminded everyone of the Joint Work Session with Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission set for Monday, February 26th at 6:00 pm.

## **XIII. Executive Session**

## **XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lowry to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. A second was given by Bishop. Unanimous Vote, Motion Carried.

  
Robbie Swords, City Clerk

