

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor-Elect Stay, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor-Elect Stay, Council Members Bondhus and Frederick, and Council Members-Elect Dahl and Whiting. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Engineer Bittner.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Oaths of Office were administered by Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann to Mayor-Elect Nickolas Stay, and Council Members-Elect Michael Dahl and Jay Whiting.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Whiting/Stay unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Stay/Bondhus unanimous to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Whiting/Frederick unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:**

- a. Ratify approval of the payment of claims for 2020 Year End (checks #42750, #42752, #42754 - #42755 and #42757 - #42789) in the amount of \$55,318.32, and 2020 Year End electronic payments (e-checks #2107 - #2143) in the amount of \$175,499.01 as presented.
- b. Ratify approval of the December 31, 2020 payment to Brenteson, Inc., for a water line repair at 13045 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$6,524.00 (ck #42790) as indicated on Invoice #2729, as requested and as recommended by staff.
- c. Ratify approval of the December 31, 2020 payment to the Sherburne County Public Works Department in the amount of \$15,000.00, (ck #42791) for Professional and Technical services provided by SRF for the Build Grant per the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Zimmerman and Sherburn County, identified on Invoice #3966 and recommended by staff.
- d. Approve the payment of January 4, 2020 claims (checks #42792 - #42795) in the amount of \$1,963.50 as presented.
- e. Approve the Building Permit Summary Report for December 2020 as presented.
- f. Approve the license application to operate Billiard Tables for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021 for ZBG/Angeno’s Pizza, Pasta and Bar, 13100 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398.
- g. Approve the license application to operate a Bowling Alley for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021, for Daniel Freih, dba Zimmerman Café, Bar and Bowl, 25920 Gateway Drive, Zimmerman, MN 55398.
- h. Approve the license application to operate Electronic Entertainment Devices for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021 for the following establishments:
  - Kriesel Jacobson American Legion Post #560 – 12674 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398
  - ZBG/Angeno’s Pizza, Pasta and Bar, 13100 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398
- i. Approve license application to operate as a Garbage & Refuse Collector within City limits for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021:
  - Ace Solid Waste, Inc. – 6601 McKinley Street NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
  - Curbside Waste, Inc. – 4025 – 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
  - Jim’s Mille Lacs Disposal, Inc., -- PO Box 275, 205 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Milaca, MN 56353
  - Randy's Sanitation, Inc. dba Randy’s Environmental Services – PO Box 169, 4351 US Highway 12, Delano, MN 55328
  - Waste Management, 1505 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008

- j. Approve the license applications for gasoline sales for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021 as requested by Casey’s Retail Company, dba Casey’s General Store #3458, 13140 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, MN
- k. Approve the license application to operate a pawn shop for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021, for David Ziemke, dba Zimmerman Trading Post, 25860 Highway 169, Zimmerman, MN 55398.
- l. Approve applications for the following Sewer and Water Installers, for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2021:
  - Bradley Bartz, dba Advanced Excavating, Inc., PO Box 277, Zimmerman, MN 55398
  - Matt Brenteson, dba Brenteson Companies, Inc., PO Box 335, Big Lake, MN 55309
  - Curtis Strandlund, dba Classic Construction of Cedar, MN Inc., 18542 Ulysses Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
  - Steve Strandlund Sr., dba Dirtworks, Inc., PO Box 169 Cedar, MN 55011
  - Randy Kasper, dba Kasper Excavating, 8322 – 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE, Becker, MN 55308
  - Richard Carty, dba Rick’s Plumbing, Inc., Richard Carty – 1701 – 221<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, Cedar, MN 55011
- m. Adopt **RESOLUTION #21-01-01**, approving the Application for Exempt Permit for Post #560 American Legion Auxiliary Unit for a gambling event to be held at the Kriesel-Jacobsen American Legion Post #560, 12674 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, on March 6, 2021.

**OPEN FORUM**            There was no one present to address the Council during Open Forum.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Fire Chief Ryan Maloney** presented the Fire Department report for the month of December 2020. The Department assisted on 8 medical calls, a carbon monoxide call, 2 fire alarms, a lift assist, a vehicle fire, 3 residential garage fires, and residential fire in Orrock Township. Three new firefighter recruits have started Fire Academy. Construction on the new fire hall and event center continues, with scheduled completion in Spring 2021.

**Council accepted the Fire Department Report for December 2020 by unanimous consensus.**

**LAW ENFORCMENT REPORT** –

**Commander Bob Stangler, Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department**, provided an overview of law enforcement activities for the month of December 2020. The department received 295 calls for service, including 60 traffic stops with 28 offenses charged by citation, not including long form complaints or in-custody arrests. During the same period in 2019, there were 363 calls for service, with 361 calls in 2018. Three (3) theft reports were made and the department also responded to 3 vehicle crashes with property damage or injuries. Five (5) criminal damage to property complaints were received with a juvenile arrested in connection with several reports of damage. Stangler reviewed other types of calls made during the month, noting no significant trends or incidents were reported.

Commander Stangler presented results of an extended speed study on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West from November 19 through December 10, 2020. Over the course of the 22-day study of the 30-mph zone, the speed counter found that most of the 291 vehicles per day through that area drove at or below the posted speed limit.

Commander Stangler reminded Council that he started his new position of Commander of Operations of the Sheriff’s Department in December 2020. He introduced Ryan Broich, who will be replacing him as Zimmerman Patrol Captain. Broich is a 15-year veteran of the Sheriff’s Department and has held a variety of positions within the Department during his tenure. Council thanked Commander Stangler for his service to the City, wishing him well in his new position and welcomed Captain Broich to the community.

**Council agreed by unanimous consensus to accept the Law Enforcement Report for December 2020 as presented.**

**PRESENTATION – CSAH 4 CORRIDOR STUDY – presented by Bolton & Menk**

**Kevin Bittner, City Engineer**, introduced **Pete Lemke and Mike Larson, Traffic Engineers with Bolton & Menk**, who presented the CSAH 4 Corridor Study commissioned by Sherburne County. **Dave Roedel, Assistant County Public Works Director**, was also present to assist in the presentation. The study evaluated vehicle and pedestrian traffic volumes, patterns and projections on CSAH 4 between CH 46 and TH 169. Bolton & Menk, County and City staff reviewed the present conditions and projected impacts of population and commercial growth through 2040. Impacts to the corridor include unsafe conditions for pedestrian traffic, and failing intersections where motorist will experience excessive delays to complete pass-thru or turning functions. These increases in traffic also impact downtown parking and pedestrian travel.

Solutions recommended in the study include channelizing traffic with center medians, installing several roundabouts, and a dedicated walking path. The study did not include evaluation of the TH 169/CSAH 4 intersection as it is unknown at this time how that intersection will be configured. Comments were also heard from **Lisa Fobbe, Sherburne County Commissioner**, who stated obtaining funding to address the CSAH 4 needs is the County’s #1 legislative goal for 2021. **Andrew Witter, Sherburne County Public Works Director** (remotely accessing the meeting) stated the County will submit a Transportation Safety Block Grant application in January to fund improvements on CSAH 4 between CH 45 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West. If successful, funding wouldn’t be available until 2025, but the County could potentially advance construct the project to an earlier year. Dave Roedel reminded Council the County has received Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternative grant funding to construct trail link for a future connection to CSAH 4 trails. Sherburne County will also soon begin working with MNDOT on TH 169 interchange design, after receiving \$2M in the latest bonding bill. More information regarding grant applications and potential project timelines will be provided as it becomes available in the coming months.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS**

2021 Appointments

Discussion was held regarding 2021 Annual Appointments. Clerk/Treasurer reviewed appointments regularly approved by the Council, highlighting which of the appointments needed discussion by the Council, including Acting Mayor and Fire Board representatives.

**RESOLUTION #21-01-02 Stay/Whiting unanimous to adopt Resolution #21-01-02, approving the 2021 Annual Appointments and Designations as presented.**

The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for January 11, 2021 was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Before adjourning, Mayor Stay asked for a moment of silence in honor of US military personnel and emergency service members both at home and abroad.

**Frederick/Whiting unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried.**

Approved this 25th day of January 2021.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer