

**MINUTES OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER The Zimmerman City Council met as the Committee of the Whole at City Hall on Monday, January 13, 2025. Mayor Dahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Dahl, Council Members Farber and Wells. Members Bondhus and Earenfight, were excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann.

ORDER OF DISCUSSION

The workshop started with a staff-led orientation PowerPoint related to Mayor/Council roles, Council protocols, City staffing and operations, planning and zoning functions and the annual budget process.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Council discussed the following items with the intent that items will be discussed in greater detail at future Council meetings or workshops:

- Capital Improvement Planning – A review of 10-year projections based on estimated need and financial feasibility, including street reconstruction and extensions, water and waste water plant improvements, rehab projects, and/or reconstruction, lift station rehab projects
- Lake Fremont – Upcoming Labs to Lakes Program Open House and other options for weed control
- Fire District Joint Powers Agreement – 1-year extension ends July 2025; consider updates to reflect current day operation and direction of District
- Development Activity – staff receiving inquiries from site locators and brokers with builder interest in raw land for residential development. Proposal for Planned Unit Development anticipated in Winter 2025.
- Civil Prosecution for Code Violations – Sherburne County Attorney no longer prosecuting code violations; sharing information with the City of Big Lake who has entered into a prosecution contract with a local firm
- HR Topics – previous Council discussed Classification/Compensation/Organizational Study to coincide with planning for future growth; Personnel policy update in 2025 to reflect recent law changes
- Cannabis Regulations – Whether the city should delegate registration and licensing to Sherburne County or take on oversight of registration and licensing of retail cannabis businesses.
- Home Occupations – potential code modifications or prohibitions on types of home occupation businesses
- Codification and Comp Plan Update – Committed reserves available to fund a codification project to modernize City Code; Comp Plan last updated in 2001.
- City Hall Facility Planning – Council discussed future staffing and building needs to accommodate future growth of the City, suggesting the formation of a committee for Facility Planning.
- Highway Land Use/Auto Sales Lots – consider moratorium on additional or new licenses to allow Council and staff time to research
- Annexation – future needs and used in potential annexation area based on anticipated discussions with Township

Council requested future discussion on the following topics:

- Organized garbage collection
- Pedestrian Safety to access the north side of CSAH 4
- Speed Limit on CSAH 4 at western City boundary
- City Newsletter
- Charitable Gambling
- Official City Newspaper and local coverage
- Law Enforcement Contract with Sherburne County

Mayor Dahl adjourned the workshop at 9:47 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of January, 2025.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 01/27/2025