

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor Stay, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Stay, Council Members Bondhus, Dahl, and Whiting. Member Frederick was excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, Public Works Director Koehler, Streets and Utilities Supervisor Dallager, and Engineer Bittner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Whiting/Stay unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bondhus/Whiting unanimous to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Whiting/Bondhus unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #43990 - #44023) in the amount of \$38,289.83 as presented.
- b. Authorize payment to Bolton & Menk for Invoice #284168 (ck #44024) in the amount of \$14,532.50 for Water Supply Improvements for the period of December 25, 2021 – January 21, 2022, as recommended by staff.
- c. Accept invoice #3183 in the amount of \$17,731.45 (ck #44025) authorizing payment to Metro West Inspection Services, Inc., for professional Building Inspection Services in the City of Zimmerman for the month of January 2022, as recommended by staff.
- d. Accept the Building Permit Summary Report for February 2022 as presented.
- e. Approve the registration application to operate as a Sewer & Water Installer in the City of Zimmerman for the period of March 8 – December 31, 2022, as requested by Steve Stranlund, Jr. dba DW Companies, LLC PO Box 129, Isanti, MN 55040.

OPEN FORUM

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

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

Fire Chief Ryan Maloney presented the Fire Department report for the month of February 2022. The Department responded to 10 medical calls, 5 gas leaks, 3 personal injury motor vehicle accidents, 2 fire alarms, a lift assist, 2 vehicle fires, 2 residential house fires and assisted 2 people stuck in elevators on separate occasions.

Maloney reported that the Department has recently hired 3 new firefighters, all of which have previous experience and completed Firefighter training before being hired with the Department. The Department will be participating in an active shooter training at Zimmerman Middle/High School on March 11 – 12, 2022.

Council accepted the Fire Department Report for February 2022 by unanimous consensus as presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Sheriff's Department Patrol Captain Ryan Broich provided an overview of law enforcement activities for the month of February 2022. The Department received 381 calls for service, including 199 traffic stops with 35 offenses charged by citation, not including long form complaints or in-custody arrests. During the same period in 2021, there were 346 calls for service, with 368 in 2020. Deputies responded to one theft of gas

complaint and seven (7) property damage crashes were reported. Deputies also responded to a variety of other calls, including 3 DWIs, 13 suspicious activity calls, 17 medicals, and 9 snow related parking complaints. Broich noted no significant trends or incidents identified from the miscellaneous calls.

Council accepted the Law Enforcement Report for February 2022 by unanimous consensus as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Water Supply Improvements

Engineer Bittner presented an update of the Engineer's study and design of water supply and long-term improvements in the City to ensure adequate delivery of water throughout the entire City water system. Of particular concern is water levels at the 6th Avenue Plant during times of peak usage, compared to levels at the 4th Avenue Plant. This would indicate that the existing distribution system is not fully capable of balancing water levels between the two towers.

Various options for improvements of the flow of water between the east and west towers are being evaluated. Currently, staff is waiting on lab results from additional testing at the site of Well #3. Engineering staff is preparing for a more thorough discussion with Council at the April 11 COW meeting once those results have been evaluated. Engineer Bitter and City staff answered several questions of Council regarding potential improvements, with further discussion to be held in April.

No action taken.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Stay noted the following items of note:

- March 14 – Council agreed by unanimous consensus to cancel the March 14 Committee of the Whole meeting due to a lack of agenda items.
- Aerators on Lake Fremont are operational and there is open water on the lake. Signage has been placed as required by the DNR
- March 26 -- Passing the Bread Food Distribution – 9 – 11 a.m., UMA Precision Machining
- April 11 – Annual Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Before adjourning, Mayor Stay called for a moment of silence in support of United States military, emergency services personnel, health care workers and their families both at home and abroad, as well as the people of Ukraine.

Whiting/Dahl unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 21st day of March 2022.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer