

**MINUTES OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**                   The Zimmerman City Council met as the Committee of the Whole at City Hall on Monday, June 9, 2025. Mayor Dahl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**           **The agenda was approved by unanimous consensus as presented.**

**ORDER OF DISCUSSION**

- Legal Services for Code Enforcement –The City has been advised that the Sherburne County Attorney’s Office will no longer prosecute code violations. The City Attorney suggested the law firm of Baumgartner, Berglund & Glaser in Anoka, as they provide similar services to the Cities of Big Lake and Andover. Attorney Scott Baumgartner, Berglund, Baumgartner & Glaser, LLC, was present to provide an overview of contractual services he would provide to the City related to prosecution of code violations, should Council approve a contract with his firm. Services would be charged on an hourly basis, with an emphasis on compliance. Member Wells commented that the City of Spring Lake Park follows a similar process, and it has been highly successful for the City to gain compliance with code violations. Council directed staff to schedule consideration of an agreement for code enforcement legal services on the June 16, 2025 Council agenda.
- Lake Fremont Navigation Channel – In August 2024, staff received an estimate from Lake Weed Removal, Inc., to cut navigation channels through the weeds in DNR specified areas in Lake Fremont. The estimate is for 5 days of work at a cost of \$2,500 per day, for a total cost of \$12,500. Council discussed a proposed project in 2025. If approved, the City would be responsible for acquiring a permit from the DNR for the project and disposing of the weeds after removal from the Lake. Council directed staff to schedule consideration of the proposal on the June 16, 2025 Council agenda.
- Road Construction Updates – Construction continues on County Road 4 in anticipation of roundabout (RAB) construction over the summer. Discussion was held regarding the identified ‘Business Access’ and detour routes as well as signage identifying detours around the construction area. Staff suggested a potential local detour option to route traffic to TH 169. Council is amenable to use of 136<sup>th</sup> Street and 269<sup>th</sup> Avenue to move vehicles around the construction area as an alternative to the current County detour. Staff will discuss with the project management team at this week’s Construction meeting.

Discussion was also held regarding a potential 2025 crack filling project in and around Morrison Addition, as well as 269<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Main Street. Cracks are starting to appear in these streets and will require filling in the near future. Engineer Cook acquired a quote for the work at the direction of staff. Council suggested that this project be put on hold until bids for the mill and overlay of streets in Pioneer Ponds are opened and reviewed.

- 2026 Budget – Staff will begin working on the 2026 General Fund Budget and requested direction on proposed projects, or additions or changes to services provided by the City that Council may want to see in 2026. Council asked for a presentation of the first draft of the 2026 budget at the July 7 Council meeting.
- Classification and Compensation and Organizational Design Studies – Staff has received two proposals in response to the RFP for a Classification and Compensation Study and one proposal for an Organizational Design Study. Council requested additional information from vendors for further discussion at a future meeting.

**Earenfight/Wells unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.**

Approved this 16th day of June, 2025.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVE 06/16/2025