

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Zimmerman City Council met in a workshop session at the Zimmerman City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at City Hall by Acting Mayor Whiting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Dahl, Earenfight, Farber and Acting Mayor Whiting. Mayor Stay was excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed current and future projects including:

- Sherburne County Municipal Recycling Board – The Sherburne County Municipal Recycling Board is comprised of representatives from the Cities of Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, and Zimmerman. The Board was created in 1999 through a Joint Powers Agreement to share equipment to manage the four compost sites in the County. Due to staff turnover in a number of Cities, the Board is no longer functioning as originally intended. Member Cities would like to dissolve the Board. The City of Becker is having paperwork drafted to dissolve the Board, which will be presented at a future meeting.
- Lake Fremont Carp Study and Weeds and Water Quality– Extensive discussion was held regarding the current condition and water quality of Lake Fremont and practical solutions to reduce the number of carp and remove weeds. Comments were heard from:
Steve Dank, 12400 Isle Road, reiterated his comments from previous meetings that adequate lake management, including the creation of a LID will improve the quality of the lake because it is an asset to the City and the Township. Member dues from the Lake Fremont Improvement Association (LFIA) are not enough to change the quality of the lake. It will take financial contributions from the City and Township, as well as the County and the LFIA membership.
Carol Fawver, 26437 Terrace Drive, believes that lake residents need to be educated on lake management. There are approximately 200 houses on the lake, but only 50 – 60 that regularly pay Lake Association dues.
Harley Wells, 25993 – 22nd Street West, suggested that Sherburne County would want input from all potential partners (City, Township, County, SWCD, LFIA) if discussion of a LID is pursued.

Staff was directed to contact Sherburne County to arrange an initial meeting to discuss the creation of LID for Lake Fremont.

- Sherburne County Law Enforcement Contract – Law Enforcement Union contracts have been settled for 2024 – 2026, so the Sheriff’s Department will be providing an amended contract for Council consideration in the near future. Changes include the inclusion of expense for a squad car in 2024 which was inadvertently omitted from the current contract when presented, and an additional Deputy added in 2026 instead of 2025.
- SSTS Regulations/Code Amendment – Staff has been working on an update to the City Code related to SSTS (Subsurface Sewage Treatment System) regulations. Recently, the City was notified that Sherburne County is currently updating their SSTS ordinance, which was originally drafted in 2011. As the City’s ordinance must be at least as restrictive as Sherburne County’s, Staff feels it best to wait until the County’s ordinance is drafted and approved before updating our Code.

- City Hall – Council discussed future staffing and building needs to accommodate future growth of the City, including utilizing the basement for meeting space.
- MS4 Community – The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has identified the City as a Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) Community, subject to regulation under the NPDES/SDS requirements of Minnesota Rule 7090. MS4 is defined as a system of conveyance systems (roads, gutters, catch basins, storm drains, etc.) that are owned by a municipality and used to collecting or moving stormwater. The MS4 permit is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants entering state waters from stormwater systems.

Acting Mayor Whiting adjourned the workshop at 7:55 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of June, 2024.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 06/17/2024