

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**

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 Dahl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dahl, Council Members Bondhus, Earenfight, Farber, and Wells. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Streets, Parks, and Utilities Supervisor Dallager.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Bondhus/Earenfight unanimous to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- **Fireworks Display Permit Application from the Zimmerman High School Quarterback Club**

CONSENT AGENDA

Wells/Earenfight unanimous to approve the consent agenda except for item f. Application for Mobile Food Unit – Fasil Agegnehu dba Winta Ice Cream as follows:

- a. Approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented.
- b. Approve the payment of claims (check #47407 - #47432) in the amount of \$42,018.40 and electronic payments (e-check #3145e - #3149e) in the amount of \$18,229.55 as presented.
- c. Authorize payment in the amount of \$623,071.00 (ck #47434) to the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer's Office for the 2025 1st half Law Enforcement Contract Services provided by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, with funds to be taken from the Public Safety Budget (101-42000-440), as recommended by staff.
- d. Approve the semi-annual payment to the MN Public Facilities Authority (ck #47433) in the amount of \$887,735.46 for scheduled principal and interest payments on GO Revenue Bonds as follows and recommended by staff:
 - 2007 Tower/WTP – Principal: \$124,000; Interest: \$3,162.60
 - 2009 SBR Expansion -- Principal: \$135,000.00; Interest: \$8,370.88
 - 2023 Wells #4/#5 – Principal: \$47,000.00; Interest: \$11,169.94
 - 2024 Tower/WTP -- Principal: \$443,000.00; Interest: \$116,032.04
- e. Accept the Budget/Investment/Funds Report of July 2025 as presented.

Discussion was held regarding consent agenda item f. Application for Mobile Food Unit – Fasil Agegnehu dba Winta Ice Cream. Member Earenfight does not think it's appropriate to approve an MFU for an ice cream truck when there are two brick and mortar businesses in town that sell comparable items and pay property taxes to the City.

Farber/Wells to approve consent agenda item f. Application for Mobile Food Unit – Fasil Agegnehu dba Winta Ice Cream as follows:

- f. Approve the license application for a Mobile Food Unit for the period of August 5 – December 31, 2025, for Fasil Agegnehu dba Winta Ice Cream, 13328 – 89th Avenue N, Maple Grove, MN 55369 pending receipt of all required documentation and necessary fees. Roll call on the motion: Bondhus, aye; Dahl, aye; Earenfight, naye; Farber, aye; Wells, aye.

Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

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

FIRE PROTECTION REPORT

Fire Chief Ryan Maloney presented the Fire Department report for the month of July 2025. The Department responded to 11 medical calls, 2 gas leaks, 3 injury accidents, 3 carbon monoxide calls, 4 person in distress calls, 2 grass fires, 2 vehicle fires, an outdoor rubbish fire and 3 residential house fires. The Annual Fire Department Open House and Firemen's Dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 at Station #1, with tickets for the dance available in advance or at the door. The Department is still accepting applications for three (3) open firefighter positions.

Cindy Hunnicutt, Event Center Coordinator, was present to provide an update of activities for Station #1 Event Center for the month of July 2025. Hunnicutt is booking out larger events in the Event Center for later this fall, especially in October. The Tuesday afternoon Farmer's Markets have been well attended, however closed early two weeks ago due to severe weather and no event tomorrow due to community Nite to Unite events scheduled.

Council accepted the Fire Protection and Event Center Reports for July 2025 by unanimous consensus as presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Patrol Captain Ryan Broich, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, provided an overview of law enforcement activities for the month of July 2025. The department received 446 calls for service, including 124 traffic stops with 16 offenses charged by citation, not including long form complaints or in-custody arrests. During the same period in 2024, there were 470 calls for service, with 479 calls in 2023. The department responded to 2 theft complaints, 2 property damage complaints, and 8 property damage accidents. Captain Broich reviewed other types of calls made during the month, stating it was a quiet month overall with no significant trends or incidents reported in our community. The Department has also seen an increase in the number of ATV complaints in town and has provided a "cheat sheet" of rules to City Hall for distribution as requested.

Council agreed by unanimous consensus to accept the Law Enforcement Report for July 2025 as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

2025 Crack Filling Project

Council and staff have been discussing a 2025 crack filling project in and around Morrison Addition, as well as 269th Avenue, 5th Avenue North, 8th Avenue North and Main Street. Cracks are starting to appear in these streets and will require filling in the near future. City Engineer Cook acquired 2 quotes for the work at the direction of Council. One quote was for a total amount of \$50,583.96, with the second quote at \$99,817.55.

Farber/Earenfight unanimous to accept the quote from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (ASTECH) in the amount of \$50,583.96 to crack fill identified streets within the City of Zimmerman, with funds to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund, as recommended by staff and the City Engineer. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

2026 Preliminary General Fund Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann reported that the MN Department of Revenue has certified Local Government Aid (LGA) for 2026. The City's allotment will increase from \$844,239 to \$846,177, per action taken by the State Legislature. This is an increase of \$1,938 over the 2025 amount. No action taken.

Application for Display of Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Special Effects

The Zimmerman High School Quarterback Club is requesting approval of an Application for Display of Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Special Effects for High School events during fall of the 2025-26 school year. Per the application, fireworks will be displayed during football games on August 18, September 12 and 26, October 10 and 15, with the possibility of display of playoff games between October 20 – 25, 2025. This year, games will begin at 6:00 p.m. Council requested the operator provide an updated site layout that includes the concrete storage buildings at the north end of the football field.

Farber/Earenfight unanimous to approve the fireworks display permit as requested by the Zimmerman Quarterback Club for fireworks/pyrotechnic special effects display by Curt Serbus, to be located at the Zimmerman High School/Middle School, 25900 – 4th Street West, on August 18, September 12 and 26, and October 10 and 15, 2025, and any playoffs games as determined at the end of the 2025 football season. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Payment for Contracted Services – Engineering and Project Management – Bolton & Menk

Staff reviewed invoices presented by Bolton & Menk for Engineering Services for the period of May 24 – June 20, 2025.

Wells/Earenfight unanimous to authorize payment to Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$38,660.00 (ck #47435) as follows and as recommended by staff:

- **Invoice #367357 in the amount of \$26,715.00 for project management for the installation of watermain as part of the Sherburne County CSAH 4/Fremont Avenue Reconstruction;**
- **Invoice #367360 in the amount of \$6,170.00 for project management services related to the Pioneer Ponds Mill and Overlay Project; and**
- **Invoice #367363 in the amount of \$5,775.00 for project design and engineering for the Lift Station #3 Rehabilitation Project.**

Motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment – Private Wastewater

At the July 21, 2025 Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution delegating regulation and permitting of Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) to the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, as well as approving a Service Contract with Sherburne County reflecting that delegation. The final action to complete the process is to amend references to SSTS or private wastewater systems in the City’s Ordinance No. 189.

Staff presented draft Ordinance No. 354, amending Article IV pertaining to private systems, as prepared by the City Attorney. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to adopt by reference, Sherburne County’s SSTS regulations as identified in Section 17.5 of the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance.

Earenfight/Wells unanimous to adopt Ordinance No. 354, amending City Ordinance No. 189, Article IV regarding private septic systems, and adopting Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.5 by reference as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Council agreed by unanimous consensus to cancel the August 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting due to a lack of agenda items. Council was amenable to a workshop session at the end of the August 18, 2025 Council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the re-establishment of the City Park Board. Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann reported that currently three applications have been received, with one disqualified because the person lived outside the City boundary. Staff will advertise again.

Discussion was held regarding the condition of 253rd Avenue and whether the Township has any plans for improvements to the road. Administrator Piasecki will inquire with Township staff.

Mayor Dahl noted the following upcoming events:

- August 5 – Nite 2 Unite activities throughout the City. Council attendance at events has been posted as required.
- August 12 – Highway 169 Preconstruction Public Open House – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Station #1 Event Center
- August 26 – Housing Study Action Forum – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Sherburne County Government Center
- August 30 – Passing the Bread Food Distribution – 9 – 11 a.m. – UMA Precision Machining

Before adjourning Mayor Dahl called for a moment of silence in support of United States military and emergency services personnel, both at home and abroad.

Earenfight/Farber unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 18th day of August 2025.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 08/18/2025