

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Earenfight/Dahl unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Earenfight/Farber unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Zimmerman City Council as presented.
- b. Approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024 City Council Workshop as presented.
- c. Approve the payment of claims (check #46624 - #46657) in the amount of \$27,026.73 and electronic payments (e-check #2979e - #2985e) in the amount of \$53,910.21 as presented.
- d. Accept the Budget/Investment/Funds Report for September 2024 as presented.
- e. Adopt **RESOLUTION #2024-10-07**, approving Pay Request #19 in the amount of \$328,839.65 (ck #46658) authorizing payment to Magney Construction, Inc., for expenses related to the construction of the 5th Street West Tower and Water Treatment Plant, as recommended by staff and the City Engineer.
- f. Approve payment to Nelson Electric Motor Repair, Inc., in the amount of \$6,343.00 (ck #46659) for the replacement of impellers on two (2) pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as recommended by the Public Works Director.
- g. Approve the permit application for a public parade to be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 as requested by the Zimmerman Elementary School, 25959 – 4th Street West, with staging at Zimmerman Elementary School, approving the closing of certain roads, identified on the map provided for the duration of the parade, as requested.
- h. Adopt **RESOLUTION #2024-10-08**, approving an application for Exempt Permit for the Zimmerman Wrestling Club to conduct lawful gambling at a function to be held at Zimmerman Bar & Grill, 13100 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, on February 1, 2025.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one present to address the Council during open forum.

PRESENTATION – IMPACTS OF TOBACCO USE

The City Council participated in a group presentation and discussion on the impacts of tobacco use in our communities. Presenters included Alicia Maxwell, Community Health Coordinator, Sherburne County Health and Human Services; Kurran Sagan, Zimmerman MS/HS Assistant Principal; Katie Engman, representing the MN Chapter of the Association for Non-Smokers; and Alayna Boe, Allie Cross, Kaelyn Dietz and Alexis Gosewisch, who are Student Representatives with Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition and also part of Big Lake’s Encouraging Positive Influences & Choices (EPIC) student group. This group is visiting Cities throughout Sherburne County to highlight the dangers of nicotine, especially with young people, as well as share solutions to further reduce the harm caused by commercial tobacco use. No action taken.

FINANCE REPORT

Re-Investment of City Funds

The City had several investments mature in September and October, with funds deposited into corresponding brokerage money market accounts. Staff has been in contact with regular brokers to provide recommendations for re-investment, based on current holdings and rates available for consideration.

Farber/Earenfight unanimous to approve the following re-investments, as requested and as recommended by staff:

- **\$245,000 with First National Bank Milaca for a period of 6 months at a rate of 4.83% utilizing funds from the matured CD to complete the transaction; and**
- **\$240,000 with Financial Northeastern for a period of 2 years at a rate of 4.45% with Rogue CU utilizing funds from the matured CD to complete the transaction; and**
- **\$50,000 with Financial Northeastern for a period of 18 months at a rate of 4.25% with CFG Bank utilizing funds from the matured CD and the money market account to complete the transaction; and**
- **\$242,000 with Multi-Bank Securities for a period of 2 years at a rate of 3.90% with American Express National Bank, utilizing proceeds from matured CD to complete the transaction; and**
- **\$248,000 with UBS Financial Services, Inc., for a period of 30 months at a rate of 4.0% with America's Credit Union, utilizing funds from the matured CD to complete the transaction, with remaining funds to be held in the UBS money market account.**

Motion carried.

Lake Fremont Reconstruction – Declaration of Costs to be Assessed

The Lake Fremont Reconstruction project is nearing completion and pending assessments against benefiting properties need to be finalized in order to proceed with the certification of final assessments. Council is asked to adopt two resolutions. The first declares the costs to be assessed and orders the preparation of the proposed assessment. The total assessment to be distributed across ninety (90) properties is \$504,166, which will be levied over a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 4%, similar to previous projects.

RESOLUTION #2024-10-09 Farber/Dahl unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #2024-10-09 declaring the costs to be assessed and ordering the preparation of the proposed assessment for the 2024 Lake Fremont Area Improvement Project, identifying a repayment period of ten (10) years with an interest rate of four percent (4%) as recommended by staff and the City Engineer. Motion carried.

The assessment hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. All benefiting property owners will be notified by US Mail of the public hearing and their proposed assessment.

RESOLUTION #2024-10-10 Dahl/Farber unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #2024-10-10, scheduling the public hearing on the proposed assessments for the 2024 Lake Fremont Area Improvement Project for Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers at the Zimmerman City Hall, 1280 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, directing the City Clerk to publish notice of said hearing in the City's official newspaper and notify affected property owners via US Mail, as recommended by staff and the City Engineer. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Acting Mayor Whiting noted the following upcoming events:

- October 26 – Passing the Bread Food Distribution – 9 - 11 a.m., UMA Precision Machining with set up on Wednesday, October 23
- October 31 – Zimmerman Elementary School Fall Parade – 2:00 p.m.
- November 5 – Federal/State/ Municipal General Election – Polls Open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Before adjourning Acting Mayor Whiting called for a moment of silence in support of United States military and emergency services personnel and their families both at home and abroad.

Earenfight/Farber unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 4th day of November 2024.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 11/04/2024