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*Zimmerman's
New Dog Park
Now Open*



From Where I Sit « by Mayor Nick Stay



This is a brand new magazine idea that we hope will be well received. It's a new way to communicate with you, as well as providing another link to local government transparency. I am excited about it and look forward to your feedback to this communication piece. Contact the office or the city staff with comments.

Our City Public Works crew has been out in full force lately. An early opportunity arose to get out earlier than normal with street sweepers, and two shifts were formed to ensure timely completion. We have started on the pothole season and currently have used 3.5 pallets of cold patch, and over 40 yards of hot patch since the plant opened up on May 6th.

Areas that have been affected and have received extra attention are 269th Avenue, the downtown area, 120th Street, and the roads area around Lake Fremont. Very preliminary discussions have begun regarding engineering availability to start long term utility, and road design in multiple areas. Look for future updates on this as this progresses.

Myself, Council members, and city staff have become increasingly active in speaking with elected officials at the state and national level in regards to grant money, 169/4 interchange design, and Lake Fremont infrastructure improvements. We have made great headway, and will continue to move forward and advocate for Zimmerman!

Financially at the end of 2018, the City's governmental funds reported a combined

ending fund balance of \$2,169,316, which is an increase of over \$800,000 over the prior year. About 30% of this fund balance is currently unassigned, which means it is available for spending at the City's discretion. The remaining general fund balance of approximately \$1.5 million is not available for new spending because it is committed for current or future activities. In addition to the General Fund, the City has several other project funds as well as economic development, debt service and water/sewer enterprise funds.

If you are new to our city please continue to check out our website for valuable information. If you are unable to find the information you are looking for please call City Hall at 763-856-4666.

Nick Stay - Mayor

Website Redesign



Staff has been diligently working on an update to the City's website to make it more user friendly and bring it into compliance with ADA regulations. We'd love to hear what you think about it! See the site here: www.zimmerman.govoffice.com •

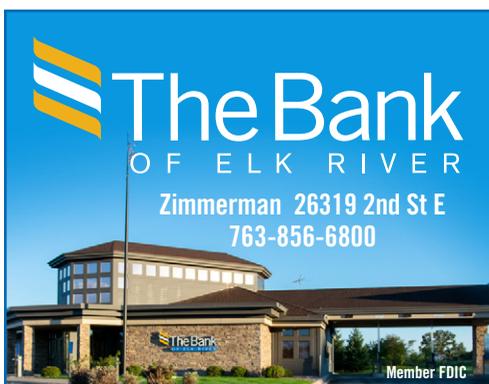
Fire District moving ahead with new Fire Hall

The Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District is moving ahead with plans to construct a new fire hall at the intersection of CSAH 4 and 136th Street in the City limits of Zimmerman. In 2018, the



District purchased a 10-acre parcel at that location with plans to build a new station to accommodate the growing department. The current location on Fremont Avenue, which is leased to the District from the City, no longer adequately serves the Department due to space limitations.

In the past two weeks, the Fire Board interviewed three architectural firms to assist with the design and construction management process and selected an architect from among the finalists. Public open houses will be held in the future as the design process gets underway. You can follow the Fire Department's Facebook page for updates on this exciting project. •



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Snow Plowing and Winter Parking

Our Public Works crew is gearing up for the upcoming winter season—tuning up the trucks and stocking up on sand and salt supplies. You can do your part by removing portable equipment, such as basketball hoops and skateboard ramps from streets and cul-de-sacs. Even if visible, these items block traffic movement and prevent a thorough plowing job. Garbage cans left out for weekly garbage and recycling pickup should



be placed at the end of the homeowners driveway, not out in the street.

Winter Parking regulations go into effect on November 1st.

On-street parking is not

allowed between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8 a.m. on all City streets. The parking restrictions, which are designed to facilitate plowing during the snow season, continue through May 1st. Residents who violate the ordinance could be ticketed by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department. •

Annual Notice — Cold Weather Rule



Bills can pile up just like snow. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility provider cannot disconnect your residential utility service during the winter if the customer meets certain requirements.

To read the full notice, go to the City's website at www.zimmerman.govoffice.com and then on the page click on the "What's Happening" tab.

If you know you're going to have trouble paying your water and sewer bill this winter season, contact Teri Grote in Utility Billing at 763-856-4666, ext. 23. •

Angel Trees Assistance



While out shopping for gifts for loved ones, it's important to remember those in need. Again this year **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is doing their part

by setting up Angel Trees at local Zimmerman businesses. Angel Trees provide holiday assistance to children in the Zimmerman area in need of new toys and clothing. For more information on sponsoring a child or a family OR if you are a family in need of assistance, contact Jenny Manthey at 763-241-3505, ext. 2813. •

Welcome Home!!

PSD, LLC has completed construction on the 65-unit apartment building in downtown Zimmerman known as "Depot on Main". Depot on Main, located at 26125 Main Street, opened for occupancy October 15th after 10 months of construction, and features 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units with underground parking. PSD, LLC chose to build in Zimmerman due to market needs for rental housing and specifically chose this location to bring life into the city's downtown. The City welcomes the new residents of the Depot, and thanks PSD for their investment in our community. To quote former Mayor Dave Earenfight, "Welcome home!" •



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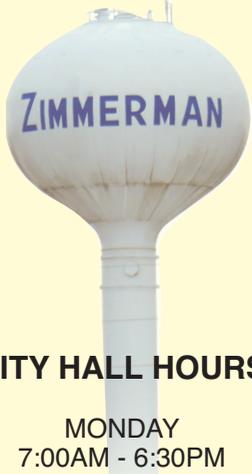
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Upcoming Events in the Area « Most Current Calendar Dates Available Online



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FRIDAY - CLOSED

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NOVEMBER

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Winter Parking Regulations | Nov 1 | | City Wide |
| City Council Meeting | Nov 4 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Park Board Meeting | Nov 5 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall |
| Veteran's Day | Nov 11 | Closed | City Offices |
| Passing the Bread Food Distribution | Nov 23 | 9-11 a.m. | UMA Precision Mach |
| City Council Meeting | Nov 18 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Thanksgiving Holiday Observed | Nov 28-29 | Closed | City Offices |

DECEMBER

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| City Council Meeting | Dec 2 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Public Comment Meeting | Dec 2 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Park Board Meeting | Dec 3 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Celebrate the Season | Dec 7 | 10-4 p.m. | City Wide |
| Breakfast with Santa | Dec 8 | 8:30 a.m. - Noon | Civic Building |
| COW Meeting | Dec 9 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Polar Express Train for Tots | Dec 10-11 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon | Civic Building |
| Passing the Bread Food Distribution | Dec 21 | 9-11 a.m. | UMA Precision Mach |
| City Council Meeting | Dec 16 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| Christmas Eve | Dec 24 | Closed at Noon | City Offices |
| Christmas Day Holiday Observed | Dec 25 | Closed | City Offices |



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Dog Park is an Early Success

The new dog park at Firemen's Park opened July 26th with a ribbon cutting ceremony and about 25 dogs chomping at the bit to get through the gate.

Firemen's Park, located at 13125 Woodview Lane, has surged in popularity now that that park area has been revamped to include a 1-acre fenced area specifically for dogs. City staff and the Park Board have been working on the upgrade for about 6 months and worked hard to keep costs at a minimum, securing donations from the Fire Department and local businesses to cover most of the expense.

The Park Board will evaluate the success of the dog park after one year and will consider a second location in the future. •



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Focus on the 2020 Budget

Council adopted the preliminary 2020 General Fund budget at the September 23rd Council meeting. Changes in revenues and expenditures for 2020 are attributed to the following:

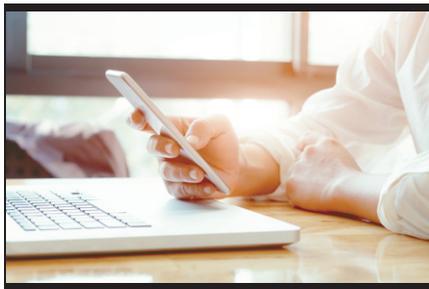
2020 REVENUES

Certified Local Government Aid (LGA) for 2020 increases from \$535,785 to \$613,617, per action taken by the State Legislature during the 2019 session. This is a significant increase (\$77,832) over the 2019 amount. Building permit revenues are projected to remain relatively stable due to steady-to-increased development activity, with state surcharge, plumbing and mechanical permits increasing a total of \$9,000 in the aftermath of repairs due to summer storms. One road improvement special levy in the amount of \$36,893 remains in place for current debt service.

(CH 45 Reconstruction Project), which allows staff to propose \$170,000 for future Capital Expenditures since collection of the 2nd Street East levy ends this year. These funds can be used for any type of capital improvements such as road projects, technology improvements and/or larger equipment purchases and building improvements at Council's discretion. At the direction of Council, staff has also added an EDA levy of \$50,000 to account 101-31005.

2020 EXPENSES

The General Fund expenditure budget includes department operation expenses including personnel, anticipated expenditure of \$225,000 for a 2020 street preservation project, \$170,000 for future Capital Expenditures, and \$37,000 in current debt service for the CH 45 reconstruction project.



Other notable changes in department expenses can be attributed to the following items:

- **A scheduled increase to the Sheriff's Department contract**
- **Increase in Fire District Contract of \$10,000**
- **Increase in Building Inspection related expenses due to increased permit activity and State surcharge fees**
- **The addition of one full-time and one permanent part-time (30 hours/week) Maintenance Technician in the Public Works Department. Fifty-percent (50%) of expenses related to adding these positions will be borne by the General Fund**
- **Increasing the City Hall Administrative Assistant from part-time (30 hours/week) to a full-time position with full benefits**
- **Increase City Hall expenses for proposed building improvements, internal remodeling and updated signage**
- **Increase in Elections to include three elections in 2020 (Presidential Primary in March and State Primary in August and General Election in November)**
- **A 10% increase for employee health insurance premiums, as suggested by our agent**
- **Administration suggested increase to employee wages and benefits, which includes a recommended 1-step wage increase and a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for employees, with corresponding increases to Social Security and PERA**
- **At the direction of Council, staff will also be pursuing a \$50,000 levy for economic development**

The public comment meeting for the 2020 budget has been scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This is the public's opportunity to ask questions and provides comments on the 2020 budget before it's adopted by Council. •

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Looking ahead...

- Plan to Attend Zimmerman's •

Celebrate the Season

**Saturday
December 7th
10-4pm**

The annual **Holiday Boutique** and **Pictures with Santa** will be held at **Nelson Nursery**. Many family fun events and crafts held by local businesses. Mark your calendar and watch the paper for more details.



Santa lights the Christmas Tree at 4:30



Giveaways and Prizes at the Park



Photos with Santa at Nelson Nursery beginning 10am