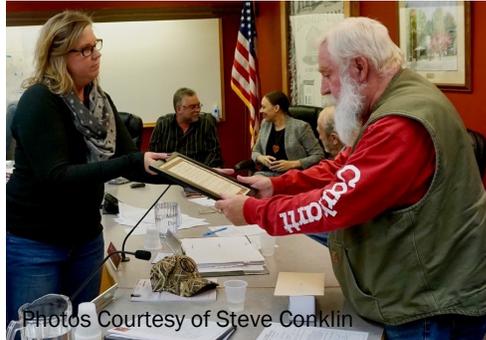




ZIM CITY NEWS

Thank You for Your Service!



Photos Courtesy of Steve Conklin

On December 17th, Council and staff celebrated the contributions of outgoing Councilmembers Tony Brisbin and Ron Mathison and Mayor Dave Earenfight. Together, these three have a combined total of 48+ years of service to the City of Zimmerman. Mathison served two full 4-year Council terms and was appointed in May 2018 to fill the balance of a vacant Council seat. Member Brisbin has served 4 consecutive terms totaling 16 years on the Council. During this tenure of service, Mayor Earenfight served 7 consecutive 2-year terms as Mayor in addition to filling the Mayor seat for 10 years in the 70's and 80's. Staff presented each with a framed resolution acknowledging their service and celebrated with cake after the meeting. Many thanks to these three for their service on the Council and their continued support of the City and its programs. Their absence on the Council will be missed and the City wishes them well in their future endeavors!



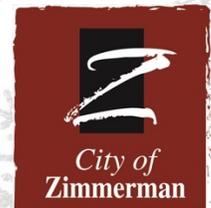
Water & Sewer Increase January 1st

In 2015, the City Council authorized a comprehensive Water and Sewer rate study to determine the financial health of the City's utility system. Council adopted the recommendations of the rate study in November 2016.

The study showed that the costs of production and treatment have exceeded the revenues of the system, and rate increases are necessary to prevent declining fund balances and depletion of existing infrastructure. In order to minimize the impacts on consumers, annual rate increases of 3% per year went in 2017 and will continue through 2021. For 2019, the fixed charge for water will increase to \$4.00, with the first block (1,000 - 4,000 gallons) increasing to \$3.06/1,000 gallons used. The second block increases to \$3.83/1,000 gallons for usage greater than 4,000 gallons. All water metered for outdoor use will be charged at a rate of \$3.83/1,000 gallons as well. Sewer fixed charges increase to \$4.80 and usage fees increase to \$8.37/1,000 gallons.

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Monday
7:00am - 6:30pm

Tuesday - Thursday
7:00am - 5:30pm

Friday - Closed

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2019 SUMMARY BUDGET DATA

FOR THE CITY OF ZIMMERMAN GENERAL FUND

Adopted by the City Council on 12-17-18

Revenues	2018 Adopted Budget	2019 Adopted Budget
Property Taxes	1,594,000	1,694,000
Other Taxes	7,500	2,500
License and Permits	147,450	193,750
State Local Government Aid	532,649	535,785
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	29,900	29,900
Charges for Services	291,500	307,250
Fines and Forfeits	20,250	20,250
Interest on Investments	20,000	12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500	2,500
Total Revenues	2,645,749	2,797,935
Other Financing Sources	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	50,000	50,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	2,695,749	2,847,935

Expenditures	2018 Adopted Budget	2019 Adopted Budget
General Government (council, administration, etc.)	583,174	592,439
Public Safety	992,250	1,028,800
Streets and Highways	456,650	452,225
Culture and Recreation	221,750	228,675
Total Current Expenditures	2,253,824	2,302,139
Capital Outlay	432,000	512,000
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	2,685,824	2,814,139
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	146,002	128,315

After Hour Emergencies

Zimmerman City Hall is open Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is closed on Friday. If you have an after hours city emergency that needs immediate attention, please call the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department at 763-765-3500, and the appropriate personnel will be dispatched.

Tips for Surviving the Winter's Plowing Season

A little patience and a cooperative attitude are essential ingredients for getting through the winter plowing season. When citizens, plowing contractors, and city crews work together, we can reduce frustrations that sometimes accompany winter snowstorms.



There are many things residents can do to minimize plow-related problems for themselves, and to assure that city crews do the most effective job possible.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR THE WINTER PLOW SEASON:

1. Observe Zimmerman's winter parking regulations. Don't park your car on any city street between the hours of 12:01–8:00 a.m., or after a two-inch snowfall. This not only ensures more effective plowing, but also helps you avoid a ticket or a tow.
2. Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have plowed their street before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveways.
3. Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you are facing the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway during the next plowing.
4. Residents hiring contractors to plow their driveways should remind them about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the city to keep the streets clean.
5. Residents should remove the snow in front of their mailbox after each plowing. The post office will not deliver mail if they cannot get close enough to reach the mailbox from their car or if they have to backup.
6. If trash/recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them.
7. Residents who have experienced sod damage in the past may want to mark their yard line with flexible stakes.
8. Don't allow children to build snow forts and tunnels in the snow banks along the streets and driveways. This is a very dangerous area to be playing, as it can be hard for the plow operators to see children.
9. Keep all toys and portable basketball hoops away from the street.
10. Residents are encouraged to locate the fire hydrant near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are accessible in case of emergency.

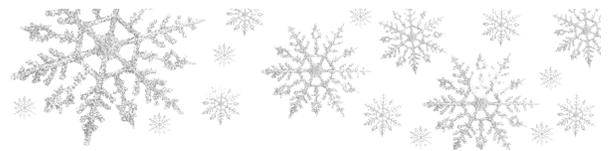
Sod and Sprinkler Damage

If you want to protect your yard from possible damage by snow plows, stake your yard along the curb line with flexible reflective driveway markers.

Despite the plow operator's best efforts, sod along the edge of the road occasionally may be damaged during snow removal activities. In general, the city will repair boulevard sod damaged by a snow plow or truck.

The city will **not** be responsible for damage to underground irrigation systems and landscaping within the City right-of-way.

If your sod has been damaged, contact the City at (763) 856-4666, ext. 21.



Mailbox Damage

Is your mailbox designed to stand up to the rigors of the winter plowing season? What happens if your mailbox is damaged by plowing activities? The answer depends on how the damage occurred.



If your mailbox is actually struck by a snow plow, the city will repair or replace the mailbox, providing that it's a standard design that conforms to U.S. postal specifications for minimum height and setback.

Mailboxes should be installed and maintained to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow. If damage occurs due to snow discharge or snow storage, the city will **not** be responsible for repairs.

City staff investigates each complaint. If an inspection shows that the mailbox was hit by a plow, a temporary mailbox or repair may need to be made until spring. If no signs of impact are evident, the resident is provided information about possible reasons for the problem.

If you have any questions about the mailbox policy, or to report a damaged mailbox, please contact City Hall at (763) 856-4666, ext. 21.

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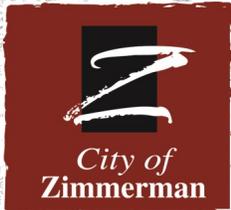
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City Offices will be Closed

Tuesday, January 1st
In Observation of
New Year's Day

Monday, January 21st
In Observation of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 18th
In Observation of
President's Day

Welcome!

The City welcomes 4 newly elected members of Council to be sworn in at the January 7th Council meeting. Mayor-elect Nick Stay, Council Members-elect Sheldon Shepard, Josh Bondhus, and Linda Frederick will join Council Member Jay Whiting in governing the City of Zimmerman.

Look for more information on each newly elected official in an upcoming newsletter and on the City's website.

Chillin' at the Ice Rinks

Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean your exercise routine should go into hibernation! Bundle up, grab your skates, and enjoy some ice time at the rinks! Zimmerman's ice rinks are designed for both pleasure skating and hockey and are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis or can be reserved in one hour increments for a nominal fee. Amenities include lighted rinks from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week and a new warming house facility.



People interested in scheduling ice time for hockey practice should contact City Hall at 763-856-4666 ext. 21. To access the rinks, travel south from Fremont Avenue (County Road 4) on County Road 45. After passing the Zimmerman High School, turn left onto 8th Avenue South. Continue on 8th Avenue South until you come to 2nd Street West. The parking lot is located on the left hand side.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Wondering where you can dispose of your Christmas tree? First, you may want to check with your local garbage hauler. Many garbage companies offer this service the first two weeks of January for free or a minimal fee.

Another option is to take advantage of the city's compost site where you can dispose of your tree FREE of charge. Anyone wishing to access the compost site will need an electronic key-card for access. Sherburne County residents are eligible to receive one free key-card per household, which can be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

City Council Meeting	Jan 7	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Jan 8	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Jan 26	9-11 a.m.	UMA Precision Bldg.
City Council Meeting	Jan 28	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

FEBRUARY

City Council Meeting	Feb 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Feb 5	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	Feb 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Feb 23	9-11 a.m.	UMA Precision Bldg.
City Council Meeting	Feb 25	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

MARCH

City Council Meeting	Mar 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Mar 5	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	Mar 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Mar 18	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Mar 30	9-11 a.m.	UMA Precision Bldg.