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## From Where I Sit « by Mayor Nick Stay



It's hard to believe my first year as Mayor is almost over. It's been a great year – I've learned a lot, and even though government moves at the speed of molasses, we have accomplished a lot in 2019! We are continuing to work with our State and County representatives to plan for infrastructure improvements to County Road 4 and the Highway 169 corridor. PSD LLC finished the Depot on Main building and it opened in November, 2019. Reliant Systems continues work on their new building near the Sheriff's Department and they will be relocating in the very near future – congrats Randy and Heidi Olerich! We are glad you're here!

Council and staff are hoping to carry this momentum in 2020 as we continue the reconstruction of the Morrison Addition (south of County Road 4 and east of County Road 45), and begin planning for improvements around Lake Fremont. Next year, we are also adding 2 additional staff to the Public Works Department and increasing a part-time City Hall position to full-time in order to maintain and improve the level of services we are currently providing to residents.

I appreciate the trust you have placed in me as your Mayor and I'm looking forward to serving you well in 2020. Happy New Year! •

*Nick Stay*  
– Mayor

### TOP 10 TIPS FOR THE WINTER PLOW SEASON IN ZIMMERMAN

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. •

## Winter Snow Plowing

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.



### Sod 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. •

## 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](http://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. •

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## Battery Recycling Program

Zimmerman City Hall will no longer be a battery disposal site following a decision by the Sherburne County Zoning Office. Sherburne County officials have removed the blue battery drop-off bin from City Hall, as there is a risk for contamination that could potentially cause fires. Three alternative locations in Elk River and St. Cloud have been identified by the County for battery disposal. More information and addresses for battery drop off locations can be found at [www.co.sherburne.mn.us/401/solid-waste](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/401/solid-waste) or by calling the Zoning Office at 763-765-4457. •



## Chillin' at the Ice Rink

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 5:00p.m. to 10:00p.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. •



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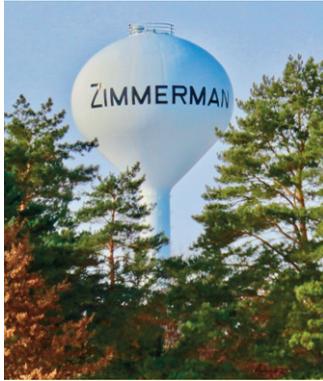
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TUESDAY - THURSDAY  
7:00AM - 5:30PM

FRIDAY - CLOSED

12980 FREMONT AVE

763-856-4666  
FAX 763-856-4787

#### JANUARY

City Council Meeting	Jan 6 7:00 pm	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Jan 7 6:30 pm	City Hall
COW Meeting	Jan 13 7:00 pm	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Jan 25 9-11 am	UMA Precision Bldg.
City Council Meeting	Jan 27 7:00 pm	City Hall

#### FEBRUARY

City Council Meeting	Feb 3 7:00 pm	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Feb 4 6:30 pm	City Hall
COW Meeting	Feb 10 7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Feb 24 7:00 pm	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Feb 29 9-11 am	UMA Precision Bldg.

#### MARCH

City Council Meeting	Mar 2 7:00 pm	City Hall
Presidential Nominating Primary	Mar 3 7 am – 8 pm	
COW Meeting	Mar 9 7:00 pm	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Mar 10 6:30 pm	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Mar 16 7:00 pm	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Mar 28 9-11 am	UMA Precision Bldg

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**Census Workers needed!**

There's so much is going on especially at the end of the year -- so here's a reminder that Minnesota needs census workers! According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the state will need to fill 7,500



census worker positions to complete the 2020 Census.

A complete and accurate count of our area will ultimately rely on making sure there are enough census workers in our community. The Census Bureau is hiring for a range of temporary, flexible jobs that make a difference in every community. The 2020 Census determines how more than a trillion dollars are spent locally for schools, roads, hospitals and much more. That means you could earn extra income while shaping your community's future. Pay starts at \$22/hour in Sherburne County. Learn more and apply at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).



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## 2020 Summary Budget Data

For the City of Zimmerman General Fund – Adopted by the City Council 12/16/2019

	2019 Adopted	2020 Adopted
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Property Taxes	1,694,000	1,721,000
Other Taxes	2,500	2,500
License and Permits	193,750	184,750
State Local Government Aid	535,785	613,617
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	29,900	30,500
Charges for Services	307,250	313,500
Fines and Forfeits	20,250	20,250
Interest on Investments	12,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,797,935</b>	<b>2,903,617</b>
Other Financing Sources	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>2,847,935</b>	<b>2,953,617</b>
	<b>2019 Adopted</b>	<b>2020 Adopted</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
General Government (council, administration, etc.)	592,439	680,994
Public Safety	1,028,800	1,056,150
Streets and Highways	452,225	492,100
Culture and Recreation	228,675	263,200
<b>Total Current Expenditures</b>	<b>2,302,139</b>	<b>2,492,444</b>
Capital Outlay	512,000	445,000
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>2,814,139</b>	<b>2,937,444</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance</b>	<b>128,315</b>	<b>123,305</b>



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## Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

### Presidential Nominating Primary

In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a presidential nominating primary (PNP) to take place on March 3, 2020. It will be an additional election in 2020, with the purpose of allowing voters in the State of Minnesota who identify with a major political party to vote for a presidential candidate they would like their party to nominate as the Presidential candidate on the November General Election Ballot.



Absentee Ballot applications for the PNP are currently available for download at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). You do not have to be registered to vote in order to apply for an absentee ballot, but you must be eligible to vote in MN in order to cast your ballot in the PNP. Absentee voting for the PNP opens on January 17, 2020. Zimmerman voters will use their regular polling places when voting in person

for the PNP. Precinct 1 includes all residents who live north of County Road 4, with the polling place located at the Sherburne County Public Safety Building, 26750 - 5th Street West. Residents living south of County Road 4 live in Precinct 2 and vote at Refuge Evangelical Free Church at 25620 4th Street West in Zimmerman.

Additional information about the PNP, voting by absentee or registering to vote can be found at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

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