

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor Earenfight, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Earenfight, Council Members Clough, Mathison and Merwin. Member Brisbin was excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Public Works Director Horvath.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Clough/Mathison unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mathison/Clough unanimous to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Clough/Merwin unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:**

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #35915 - #35923) in the amount of \$17,979.69, as presented.

**OPEN FORUM**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Fire Chief Ryan Maloney** presented the Fire Department report for the month of February, 2014. The Department responded to 5 medical assists, 1 gas leak, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, and provided mutual aid for a residential house fire in Baldwin Township.

The Fire Relief Association donated \$20,000 to Fire District for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and a commercial-grade washing machine to wash turnout gear. Four probationary Firefighters have recently been added to the roster. Two are available during the day and two will be responding to the Livonia sub-station. All four are currently attending Firefighter 1 and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder trainings and will participate in Firefighter 2 classes in the Fall.

Mayor Earenfight thanked the Fire Relief Association for their generous donation toward the purchase of the washing machine and imaging camera.

**Council accepted the Fire Department Report for January, 2014 by unanimous consensus as presented.**

**2013 LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

**Joel Brott, Sherburne County Sheriff**, presented an annual report of activities and services provided by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department for 2013. This is an overview of the reports that Captain Stanger has provided on a monthly basis in 2013. The Sheriff's Department has provided contracted law enforcement services for the City of Zimmerman for more than 20 years and enjoys a solid partnership with the City. In 2013, deputies responded to 4,564 contacts in the City, including traffic complaints, accidents, medical related incidents, fires, assaults, burglaries, drug related incidents and conducted many types of investigations. Brott noted that the numbers reflected contacts with people within the City limits, but not necessarily with City residents. The call load is up from 2011 and 2012. Brott noted that in 2011, the Department responded to 3,501 incidents in Zimmerman and in 2012, there were 3,976 calls for service. The vast majority of 2013 contacts were traffic stops, traffic related complaints or special traffic saturation projects occurring in the city, however serious crimes were reported in several different areas, including assaults, burglaries, thefts and criminal damage to property complaints.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – presented by Public Works Director Horvath**

Horvath reported that Maintenance Technician Bruce Hooker has submitted his resignation from City employment effective July 12, 2014. Maintenance Technician DeGreeff will fill the role of Safety Director after Hooker's departure. Staff intends to begin the process to fill the vacancy in April, however, Horvath and Administrator Piasecki will finalize the timeline for filling the position in the near future.

**Frozen Water Service Lines**

Horvath reported that the City has received reports of frozen water service lines throughout the City. Residents were reminded not to put any substance in a frozen service line to unthaw it, as it could be dangerous to the City's water system. If residents think they may have a problem, they should contact the Utility Billing department. City Hall has a list of licensed contractors that unthaw frozen lines. Discussion was held regarding requiring contractors providing unthawing services to be licensed through the City. Current ordinance only requires a contractor to be licensed and bonded through the State, but not the City. No action taken.

**Snow Blower**

Horvath reported that a department snow blower is broken and he intended to purchase a new one, however, staff was able to repair with parts from another one and it is working again. No action taken.

**John Deere Tractor**

The City's John Deere Tractor currently has over 6,000 hours of use registered on it. Horvath is looking at options for replacing the tractor, either by purchasing off the state contract or leasing or purchasing from a commercial vendor. He hopes to present pricing and options at the March 17 meeting. No action taken.

**2014 Water/Sewer Budgets**

Council reviewed and briefly discussed the 2014 proposed Water and Sewer Fund Budgets as presented in February.

Comments were heard from **Wendy Kowalski, 26412 Lake Avenue, Zimmerman**, who objected to the adoption of the budgets at this meeting because the deadline for the 2014 budget was last year.

**Mathison/Clough unanimous to adopt the proposed 2014 Water (601) and Sewer (602) Fund budgets as presented and as recommended by staff.**

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS**

Mayor Earenfight noted the following upcoming events:

- Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo -- Saturday, March 15; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Passing the Bread Food Distribution – March 29, 2014; 8 – 10 a.m.; Set up Friday morning at 9 a.m.
- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization – Monday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.

Before adjourning, Mayor Earenfight asked for a moment of silence in honor of US military personnel.

**Mathison/Clough unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.**

Approved this 17th day of March, 2014.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer