

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:00 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 was Administrator Piasecki.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Earenfight informed Council the information on the PACE Program was for their review and consideration, but not for discussion at this meeting.

Clough/Merwin unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

OPEN FORUM

Wendy Kowalski, 26512 Lake Avenue, requested an opportunity to address Council at a future meeting when the PACE program is discussed.

Review of Draft Language for Revised 2014 Law Enforcement Contract

Captain Stangler presented the revised 2014 Law Enforcement Contract for Council consideration. Stangler and Piasecki explained the City had requested the Sheriff's Department modify language pertaining to liability provisions. The League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) has determined the current contract exposes the City to additional liability and had raised the City's 2013 insurance premium by approximately \$6,000. The City forwarded LMCIT provided liability language and information to the Sheriff's Department. Language satisfying the LMCIT Underwriting Staff has been added to the draft contract.

Piasecki summarized the revised contract stating all terms of the current contract remain intact and as approved in 2008, including the City receiving fine revenue and a portion of forfeiture proceeds. The compensation provision has been modified, but the 2014 contract price remains unchanged at \$588,432. What has changed is how the compensation is noted, now at a rate of \$47.15 for 12,480 hours of coverage versus a "lumps sum total" of \$588,432. The contract is renewable on January 1 of each year, unless terminated by either party. As part of that annual renewal, the hourly rate will increase by the percentage increase granted deputies through their union contract. Also beginning in 2015, a fee of \$23,882.50 is added for vehicles, fuel and insurance, and \$10,000 fee is added for uniform expenses. Per the contract these fees will be increased by 1% each January 1st.

Clough questioned if terms in the contract such as "standard" and "basic" could be changed to "excellent" and "outstanding", as he believes the Department provides much more than standard and basic service to the City. Stangler and Piasecki stated they would discuss the terms and possible changes, but the Department attorneys would have to be consulted.

Council had no additional questions or comments, and by unanimous consensus agreed to have the contract on the March 17th agenda for approval. Approval of the proposed contract will save the City approximately \$6,000 in the LMCIT insurance renewal, according to the City's Insurance agent, provided the approval is made before the policy renews.

COMMUNICATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Earenfight noted the following events and activities:

- The Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will be held on March 15th at the Zimmerman High School from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Passing the Bread will hold a Food Distribution on March 29th from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Sherburne County Public Safety Building
- The Local Board of Appeal and Adjustment will be held April 21st at 9 a.m. at City Hall

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

Merwin/Mathison unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of March, 2014.

s/s Randy Piasecki, City Administrator

Approved 03/17/2014