

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Earenfight called the emergency meeting of the Zimmerman City Council to order at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Earenfight, Council Members Brisbin, Kowalski, Laney and Mathison. Also present were Public Works Director Horvath, Engineer Bittner, and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to approve the agenda as presented

ORDER OF DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Horvath and Engineer Bittner were present to discuss a potential repair to the water main located in the vicinity of County Road 4 and Fremont Drive. Public Works staff had completed required testing and determined that it is city water seeping out into the swamp area. The 8" main that services the entire east side of Lake Fremont was installed in 1972.

Staff believes there are several options that would resolve the issue. The least expensive option is to shut off the main on both ends, thereby releasing pressure in the line, which would cause the main to become inactive and unusable. The line could only be used in the future if it was flushed and cleaned. However, if the 12" water line in the same vicinity goes down for any reason, there would be no water service to the Lake Fremont area.

A second option is to repair the existing line. This option would require the area to be dewatered because the water table is at 7 inches deep and the water line is about 6 feet deep. Water would be flushed into County Ditch #1. Horvath stated he could have dewatering crew starting as early as this weekend. This repair would cost approximately \$50,000.

A third option would be to replace the line with a new line, either through the swamp parallel to the existing line, or re-routed along County Road 4 to 120th Street. The cost would vary, depending on which route is chosen. To place the line parallel to the existing line would cost approximately \$120,000. To route the line along County Road 4 to 120th, would be approximately \$215,000.

Bittner advised that it was possible to bid the water main project at the same time as the County Road 4 project.

Mayor Earenfight declared a recess at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Kowalski/Laney to have direct the City Engineer to prepare bids and specifications for installing a new water main along County Road 4 to 120th Avenue, as a replacement for the water main the vicinity of Fremont Drive and County Road 4. Roll call: Brisbin, aye; Earenfight, aye; Kowalski, aye; Laney, aye; Mathison, aye. Motion carried.

Kowalski/Laney unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 7th day of May, 2012.

Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer