

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular 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 Brisbin, Mathison and Merwin. Member Clough was excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Public Works Director Horvath.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Brisbin/Mathison unanimous to approve the meeting minutes of the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:**

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #36012 - #36059) in the amount of \$23,216.23 and electronic payments (e-checks #1015 - #1021) in the amount of \$34,021.59 as presented.
- b. Authorize payment to Abdo, Eick & Meyers, (invoice #325839) in the amount of \$15,000.00 (ck #36060) as partial payment for certified audit services for the year ended December 31, 2013, per the agreement on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, as recommended by staff.
- c. Approve payment to the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District in the amount of \$66,604.00 (ck #36094) as partial payment for 2014 Fire Protection Services, as recommended by staff.
- d. Approve payment to the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (invoice #46371) in the amount of \$72,008.00 (ck #36061) for electrical modifications for the SBR Digester Cover Project, as recommended by the Project Manager and the Public Works Director.
- e. Approve the permit application for fireworks sales for Jim Kreml Fireworks, 24690 – 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Zimmerman, MN 55398, at the location of Angeno's Pizza and Pasta/Zimmerman Bar & Grill, 13100 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, for the period of May 20 – July 10, 2014, as presented.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Steve Carl, Refuge Manager, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge**, was present to update the Council on upcoming activities at the Refuge. Currently, the Refuge is soliciting bids to build a new Education Center across the street from the Refuge Management Office where the Old Schoolhouse was located. The Education Center is the first phase of a larger complex, which will eventually include a Visitor Center and the Management Office. Ground work has been completed and the first phase will take about a year to complete. No action taken.

**PARK BOARD REPORT**

Tim Sevcik, Chair, was present to provide the Park Board report of March and April 9, 2014.

Sevcik reported that in March, the Board further reviewed the grant application for funding to purchase property in the Huntington Development for a park area. Administrator Piasecki discussed the lots identified by the Park Board with the Developer, who stated he was not interested in selling those to the City at this time. The grant application will be considered again for 2015 after the Board determines an alternate location for a park in that area.

The April Park Board meeting included discussion regarding field usage by the Youth Baseball and Softball Associations and upkeep of the Hockey Rink after this winter season. Because of damage to the Plexiglas sheets at the rink, damaged Plexiglas will be removed and replaced with chain link. The Frisbee Golf equipment will be installed by the Public Works Department in May and should be ready for use in the beginning of June.

**Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2014 and April 9, 2014 Park Board meetings as presented.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Director Horvath provided the following project updates:

- Blowers at the aerated pond are in need of replacement. Two replacements have been ordered at a cost of \$15,000
- Staff is nearly complete with replacing street signs to 9-inch name plates
- Horvath is still researching a replacement plow truck
- Street sweeping has started
- Council authorized going out for bids for the reconstruction of Lift Station #7 at the April 7 meeting
- The contractor for the 2013 Street Improvement Project will be on-site on Thursday to review the outstanding punch list
- Horvath has 7 items to discuss with Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 12
- The Maintenance Technician position has been advertised. Horvath would like to possibly hire three summer seasonal employees this year instead of the two approved by the Council.
- Road restrictions will be on for a few more weeks

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS**

Mayor Earenfight noted the following upcoming event:

- Passing the Bread Food Distribution – Next distribution event is April 26, 2014; 8 – 10 a.m. at the Sherburne County Public Safety Building. Set up is Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

Approved this 5th day of May, 2014.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer