

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:01 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. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann and Public Works Director Horvath.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- **Delay Law Enforcement Report until June 16th Meeting**
- **Application for Sewer/Water Installer added to Consent Agenda**
- **Frontier Liquor Tobacco License renewal added to Consent Agenda**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brisbin/Merwin unanimous to approve the meeting minutes of the May 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mathison/Brisbin unanimous to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the Frontier Liquor Tobacco License renewal added to item e. and the addition of item f. Sewer & Water Installer Application – Gordy’s Excavating as follows:

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #36145 - #36179) in the amount of \$46,553.78 and electronic payments (e-check #1030 - #1032) in the amount of \$29,889.91 as presented.
- b. Adopt **RESOLUTION #14-06-01**, accepting a donation of 7 flags with a total value of \$560 from the Zimmerman American Legion Post #560.
- c. Approve the permit application for fireworks sales for Gerald Lewandowski, 18790 Albany Street, Elk River, MN 55330, at the location of A – Z Pawn, 12617 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, for the period of May 21 – June 6, 2014, as presented.
- d. Approve payment to Titan Machinery in the amount of \$4,150.00 (ck #36180) for the purchase of a Felling FT-6T-1 Utility Trailer (Invoice #90012), with funds to be taken from committed Truck Fund reserves in the General Fund, as requested by the Public Works Director.
- e. Approve tobacco license renewals for the following establishments, for the period of June 30, 2014 – July 1, 2015, pending receipt and acceptance of all application materials, as recommended by staff:
 - Frontier Liquor -- 26207 Fremont Drive
 - Holiday Stationstore #239 -- 26125 Highway 169
 - Jim’s Market, 26233 – 2nd Street East
 - P & A Liquor, 26025 – 3rd Street East, Suite 400
 - SuperAmerica #4535 – 26075 – 3rd Street East
 - Uptown Off-Sale – 25965 Main Street
- f. Approve the Sewer & Water Installer License Application for Gordy’s Excavation, 1861 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel, MN 55011, for the period of June 2 – December 31, 2014.

GRANT AWARD – Centerpoint Energy Community Partnership Grant

Scott Lehner, representing **Centerpoint Energy**, presented a check for \$2,500 to the City Council as part of the Community Partnership Grant. Grant funds will be used to replace a Civil Defense Siren within City limits.

Mayor Earenfight accepted the grant on behalf of the City and thanked Lehner for Centerpoint Energy's generosity.

RESOLUTION #14-06-02 Merwin/Brisbin unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #14-06-02, accepting the donation of \$2,500.00 from Centerpoint Energy for a Community Partnership Grant for the City to replace a Civil Defense Siren within City limits.

OPEN FORUM

Bill Potrament, Chair, Zimmerman Civic Club, was present to thank the City for assistance in preparing for the 44th Annual Wild West Days event, held May 22 – 26, 2014. Potrament stated that the Civic Club appreciates the cooperative efforts of the City and the businesses involved in planning and executing Wild West Days. It is a large undertaking and they are grateful for the support of the community to provide this and other organized community activities over the Memorial Day holiday. On behalf of the Civic Club, Potrament thanked the contributions of City staff; Sheriff Brott and Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, including Patrol Captain Bob Stangler and Reserve Captain Bill Jones; Chief Maloney and the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Department. Potrament specifically acknowledged the contributions of Public Works Director Dave Horvath by presenting him with a plaque commemorating his involvement in the execution of the event during his employment with the City.

Larry Norland, 13781 – 9th Avenue South, Zimmerman, introduced himself to the Council as one of the applicants for the vacant Council seat. Norland and his family have resided in Zimmerman for 8 years and live near Westwood Elementary School. He is employed by the City of Anoka and is familiar with municipal government operations. He thanked the Council for their consideration of his application.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Ryan Maloney presented the Fire Department report for the months of April and May, 2014. During the two-month period, the Department responded to 5 medical assists, 2 gas leaks, 3 injury accidents, 4 fire alarms, 2 carbon monoxide calls, 1 downed power line, 6 grass fires, a vehicle fire and 5 residential, two of which were mutual aid response in Baldwin and Blue Hill Townships. Maloney also reported that the civil defense siren has been ordered.

Council questioned if Maloney knew the status of demolition of the residential structure on County Road 45 destroyed by fire in January, 2014. Maloney advised he would check with the Fire Investigator or the insurance company and try to find out when the structure will be removed.

Council accepted the Fire Department Report for April and May, 2014 as presented by unanimous consensus.

FINANCE REPORT – presented by Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann

Consideration of Applicants for Council Vacancy

Councilmember Clough submitted his written resignation from the City Council effective May 10, 2014. Clough's term expires on December 31, 2016. Because there is more than 2 years of his term remaining, a Special Election must be held to fill the vacancy. At the May 19 meeting, Council acted to schedule a Special Election in conjunction with the General Election on November 4, 2014. Since a special election is necessary, Council must also appoint someone to hold the vacant position until voters elect a candidate to serve in the position at the special election. At the direction of the Council, staff contacted the five applicants who expressed an interest in filling the vacancy created by Greg Laney in December 2013. Three applicants remain interested in the seat and would like to be considered for appointment.

Council discussed the qualifications of the three applicants, noting that all applicants are extremely qualified to fill the seat. Merwin suggested Council may want to appoint someone who is interested in running for office in the next General Election. Tillmann noted that Karen Michels has stated she does not intend to run for office in November.

Comments were heard from **Bill Potrament, 13327 – 279th Avenue NW, Zimmerman**, who questioned if any of the applicants did intend to run for office. Tillmann responded that filing doesn't open until July and neither of the other two applicants had indicated an intention of filing for office. **Larry Norland, 13781 – 9th Avenue South, Zimmerman**, stated he would be filing for office.

Mayor Earenfight commented that it was his preference to appoint someone not running for office, since all candidates would start their campaigns with an even slate once filing opened.

Brisbin/Mathison to appoint Karen Michels to fill the Council seat vacated by Gary Clough, until after the results from the Special Election are canvassed by the City Council. Roll call: Brisbin, aye; Earenfight, aye; Mathison, aye; Merwin naye. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Earenfight noted the following events:

- Due to a lack of agenda items, Council agreed by unanimous consensus to cancel the COW meeting scheduled for June 9, 2014.
- Farmer's Market – Tuesdays 3 – 6:30 p.m.; City Park
- June 13 – Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Princeton Golf Course
- June 13 – 15 and June 20 - 22 – ZAYAA Baseball Tournaments – City Park
- June 21 – Fire Department Golf Tournament at Fairway Shores Golf Course
- Passing the Bread had last distribution until fall. Thank you for contributions.

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

Brisbin/Merwin unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 16th day of June, 2014.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer