

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016**

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 Mathison, Nathe and Smith. Member Brisbin was excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, Public Works Director Johnson and Engineer Bittner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mathison/Nathe unanimous to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- **Public Dance Permit – ZBG/Angeno’s – 13100 Fremont Avenue**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smith/Nathe unanimous to approve the following meeting minutes:

- **Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2016 as presented**

CONSENT AGENDA

Nathe/Mathison unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented as follows:

- a. Approve the interfund loan payment to the Water Fund (Fund 601) in the amount of \$9,440.00 for the purchase of the New Holland Tractor, as authorized in Resolution #2014-11-02.
- b. Approve the interfund loan payment to the Sewer Fund (Fund 602) in the amount of \$9,173.51, for redevelopment purposes, as authorized in Resolution #2014-10-03 and EDA Resolution #2014-10-02.
- c. Approve the permit application for a public dance and entertainment to be held Friday, July 29, 2016, until 1:00 a.m., as requested by ZBG/Angeno’s, 13100 Fremont Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Administrator Piasecki reported that according the Park Board Minutes from the July 5, 2016 meeting, all safety hazards at City parks have been addressed, as well as additional maintenance completed or in process at Three Flags Park, the hockey rink, the open skating rink, the Civic Building and fencing between Schultz and Ehley Fields.

Mathison/Smith unanimous to accept the Park Board report of July 5, 2016 as presented.

FIRE PROTECTION REPORT

Fire Chief Ryan Maloney presented the Fire Department report for the month of June, 2016. The Department responded to 5 medicals, 4 motor vehicle accidents, a fire alarm and a carbon monoxide report, a grass fire, a residential garage fire in City limits and a residential house fire in Livonia Township.

Maloney reported that Pump #2 will be out of service later this week due to needed repairs and hose testing will be completed on Wednesday. This fall, the Department will be participating in a mock event with Koch Pipeline, which will take place in the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. The golf tournament was a success with over 100 participants. Six recruits have recently graduated from the Elk River Fire Academy. Maloney also reported that there have been no issues with the outdoor warning sirens for over a year. Residents were reminded that severe weather sirens are intended to notify residents that are outdoors that severe weather may be imminent. Residents that are indoors at the time the sirens are activated may not hear them and Maloney suggested residents invest in a weather radio to stay apprised of weather situations as they happen.

Council accepted the Fire Protection Report for June, 2016 by unanimous consensus as presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Patrol Captain Bob Stangler, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, provided an overview of activities for the month of June, 2016. The department received 388 calls for service, including 90 traffic stops with 50 offenses charged by citation, as opposed 322 calls for service in the same time period in 2015 and 338 calls in 2014. There was 1 burglary and 20 thefts reported during the month of June, with seven thefts being gas drive-offs reported by local gas stations. In addition, four thefts from vehicles were reported and Stangler noted that all four vehicles were unlocked at the time of the theft. Residents were reminded to lock vehicles and remove all valuables from them. The department responded to four vehicle crashes with injuries, 9 property damage vehicle crashes and 4 criminal damage to property complaints.

Minnesota "Night to Unite" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd. Deputy Roxanne Schreder is coordinating events throughout the area that evening. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of scheduling a "bike rodeo" in the City to educate kids about bike safety.

Nathe/Mathison unanimous to accept the Law Enforcement Report of June, 2016, as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Watermain Extension to Hockey Rink

Johnson reported that work on the watermain extension to the Hockey Rink has begun and anticipates it will be complete within a few days. No action taken.

Water Meter Replacement

At the July 11th meeting, Council discussed the current status of MXU reader units throughout the City. Johnson informed Council that MXU reader units on water meters installed approximately 10 years ago are often failing to report readings due to battery failure, and the existing reading system is becoming obsolete. The City's current provider has proposed a \$40,000 upgrade to meter reading software and equipment. Johnson and Piasecki reviewed a new alternative reading system that uses cellular phone technology with the Council at the last meeting and requested Council consider the purchase of a small number of meters from Metron-Farnier to test this new alternative.

Johnson showed a sample meter to Council and provided information from the vendor regarding the metering system. He requested Council approve the purchase of 50 Metron-Farnier meters at a cost of \$325 each. Existing meters can be retro-fitted to work with the cellular reading technology at a reduced price, however, due to the age of some meters and MXU's in current properties, that might not be a viable possibility.

Mathison/Nathe unanimous to approve the purchase of 50 Metron-Farnier Composite Residential Spectrum Meters at a cost of \$325 each, with funds to be taken from the Water and Sewer Funds, as recommended by staff.

Mayor Earenfight declared a recess at 7:31 p.m. to conduct the annual meeting and a Regular meeting of the Zimmerman Economic Development Authority. The regular Council meeting was reopened at 7:49 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Fremont Drive Reconstruction

Engineer Bittner was present to provide an update on the Fremont Drive Realignment project. Bittner stated that the project is currently underway, with CSAH 4 being closed at TH 169 for 20 business days. The contractor believes they can have the project completed by the end of the September, with the County's completion deadline being the end of October.

Discussion was held regarding on-street parking on Fremont Drive. Bittner stated that due to varying widths of street pavement and because Fremont Drive has been designated as a state aid road, on-street parking should be eliminated in that area in order to comply with state aid requirements.

Mathison/Smith unanimous to not allow on-street parking on Fremont Drive from Oak Street to CSAH 4, as recommended by staff and the City Engineer and directed staff to post the area accordingly.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Earenfight identified the following upcoming events:

- Farmer’s Market -- Tuesdays through October -- City Park 2:30 – 6 p.m.
- August 2 – MN Night to Unite – various locations throughout the City
- September 10 – Community Shred Event – City Hall
- September 10 – Fire Department Open House and Dance – Fire Station
- September 10 – Zimmerman Youth Expo – St. John Lutheran Church

Before adjourning, Mayor Earenfight asked for a moment of silence in honor of US Military Personnel and their families.

Mathison/Smith unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2016.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 08/01/2016