

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, Merwin and Michels. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Engineer Bittner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Brisbin/Michels unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michels/Brisbin unanimous to approve the following meeting minutes:

- **August 4, 2014 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented**
- **August 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting as presented**

CONSENT AGENDA

Brisbin/Merwin unanimous to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #36353 - #36419) in the amount of \$31,877.16 and electronic payments (e-check #1064 - #1068) in the amount of \$34,705.60 as presented.
- b. Accept the Monthly Building Permit Report for July, 2014 as presented.
- c. Adopt **RESOLUTION #13-08-04**, approving the request of Christ Our Light Catholic Parish for an Exempt Permit to conduct lawful gambling at a function to be held at 25909 – 4th Street West, on December 28, 2014.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one present to address the Council during open forum.

BID AWARD – Lift Station #7 Replacement

Kevin Bittner, City Engineer, was present to update Council on the results of the bid opening for the reconstruction of Lift Station #7. Four bids were received on August 13th for the proposed project. Bolton & Menk checked and tabulated the bids after opening and the low bid was received from R.L. Larson Excavating. Bittner stated the Engineer's estimate was \$214,000 and R.L. Larson's bid was significantly higher at \$330,318.00. He explained that industry-wide, project costs are significantly higher across the board, due to a market correction in the construction industry. Potentially, projects costs could be at least 5% higher if Council delays the project until 2015. Bittner stated he is also recommending 3-phase power for the project, which will cost approximately \$10,000 to install, but will provide long term cost savings to the City.

Comments were heard from **George and Kami Daley, 13025 – 1st Avenue South, Zimmerman**, who stated the lift station is located in their backyard and they are anxious for the project to be completed.

RESOLUTION #14-08-05

Brisbin/Michels unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #14-08-05, awarding the bid for the Lift Station #7 Relocation and Reconstruction project to R.L. Larson Excavating, at a total cost of \$330,318, as recommended by Staff and the City Engineer, with funds to be taken from the Sewer Fund (Fund 602).

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Patrol Captain Bob Stangler, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, provided an overview of activities for the month of July, 2014. The department received 356 calls for service, including 99 traffic stops with 65 offenses charged by citation, as opposed 404 calls for service in the same time period in 2013 and 355 calls in 2012. Stangler reported that there were a significant number of property damage complaints and thefts,

including stolen vehicles. Six suspects have been identified with charges pending at this time. Stangler reminded residents to remove valuables and lock vehicles in driveways and parking areas.

Council agreed by unanimous consensus to accept the Law Enforcement Report for July, 2014, as presented.

FINANCE REPORT– presented by Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann

2015 General Fund Budget and Levy

Discussion regarding the 2015 Budget centered in employee health insurance costs and Council wages. Member Michels suggested Council consider an increase to Mayor and Council salaries, which would go into effect in January 2015. Mayor/Council wages have not been increased since September 2004. A survey of similar communities shows that the average Mayor's salary is \$400 per month and \$300 per month for Councilmembers.

Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to proceed with an Ordinance Amendment to increase Mayor and Council wages at a future meeting.

There will be review of the budget at the next regular Council meetings (September 8 and 15) before the preliminary budget and levy is accepted on September 15. Once the preliminary budget is approved, staff will work with Council to refine the budget prior to final certification in December, 2014.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Upcoming Events

Mayor Earenfight noted the following upcoming events:

- Farmer's Market – Tuesdays 3 – 6:30 p.m. – City Park
- City Wide activities on Saturday, September 6
 - Community Shred Event at City Hall – 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
 - Fire Department Open House 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Firemen's Dance – 8 p.m. – Midnight – Fire Station
- City Wide activities on Saturday, September 13
 - Chamber of Commerce Krazy Daze – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Ladies On The Loose – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Ballfield Lighting Project Dedication -- 5 – 7 pm at City Park

Brief discussion was held regarding a sign with the layout of the Frisbee Golf course at the City Park. Member Mathison stated that the intent was to have the course in use for one season and determine if any baskets need to be moved before making the layout final. A sign will be posted at the beginning of the course next Spring.

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

Brisbin/Michels unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2014.

s/s Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer