

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**

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, Kowalski, Laney and Mathison. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann, and Public Works Director Horvath.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brisbin/Kowalski unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brisbin/Mathison to approve the following:

- **Minutes of the October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented**
- **Minutes of the October 8, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented**

CONSENT AGENDA

Kowalski/Laney unanimous to approve the consent agenda items, with the exception of item g. Payment for Project Management Services – Leachate Study, as follows:

- a. Approve the payment of claims (check #34577 - #34616) in the amount of \$20,299.21 as presented and electronic payments (e-check #823 - #828) in the amount of \$27,265.29, as presented.
- b. Accept the City Investment/Funds Report for September 2012 as presented.
- c. Accept the Building Permit Summary Report for September 2012 as presented.
- d. Approve payment to the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$47,482.19 (ck #34618) for Fire Relief Aid, as identified by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.
- e. Accept Invoice #150963 authorizing payment to Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$16,999.25 (ck #34617) for Project Management Services related to the CSAH 4 Improvement Project, for services provided for the month of August, 2012, as recommended by staff.
- f. Accept Invoice #150964 authorizing payment to Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$5,708.00 (ck #34617) for Project Management Services related to the Fremont Avenue Water Main Replacement project, for services provided for the month of August, 2012, as recommended by staff.

Mathison/Brisbin to approve consent agenda item g. Payment for Project Management Services – Leachate Study, as follows:

- g. Accept Invoice #150966 authorizing payment to Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$15,000.00 (ck #34617) for Project Management Services related to the Leachate Pilot Study, for services provided for the month of August, 2012, as recommended by staff.

Roll call on the motion: Brisbin, aye; Earenfight, aye; Kowalski, naye; Laney, naye; Mathison, aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one present to address the Council during Open Forum.

PARK BOARD REPORT -- Presented by Tom Wilkinson, Park Board Chair

Wilkinson expressed thanks to Public Works Director Horvath on behalf of the Park Board for preparing the fields at the City Park for the ZAYAA Football Jamboree over the weekend. Twenty-seven teams participated in the weekend event.

Kowalski/Brisbin unanimous to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Park Board Meeting as presented.

RESOLUTION #12-10-04 Kowalski/Brisbin unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #12-10-04, accepting the donation of two trees valued at \$460 from Twin Pines Earthworks placed at Horvath Park Woodland Meadows North.

RESOLUTION #12-10-03 Brisbin/Mathison unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION #12-10-05, accepting the donation of \$21 from Barry Wendorf towards the cost of refinishing the identification sign at DeGreeff Park.

FINANCE REPORT -- presented by Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann

2013 Budget and Levy Review

Tillmann reported that changes had been made to the proposed 2013 budget as directed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 8. Reductions have been made to the City Clerk, Streets and Parks department because Council had reached a consensus to maintain the Administrative Assistant at part-time status. Health insurance line items reflect the cost savings in insurance premiums per the proposal received from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Capital Expenditures were reduced by \$55,000 and General Taxes were reduced by \$27,500 per Council direction. These changes resulted in a \$75,000 decrease to proposed expenditures. Further review and discussion of the proposed budget and levy will take place at the November 5 meeting.

As part of the 2013 budget, staff solicited quotes for the City's health insurance benefit in an attempt to reduce costs and change to a January 1, 2013 renewal date. Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), working through Liberty Insurance (the City's agent) submitted a proposal which would reduce health insurance premiums by approximately 20 percent. At the October 8 COW meeting, Council discussed the change in service providers and agreed by consensus to pursue the proposal from BCBS effective January 1, 2013.

Kowalski/Laney unanimous to accept the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the provision of health insurance for City employees effective January 1, 2013, as recommended by staff, and maintain a City contribution rate of eighty-five percent (85%) for 2013.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Mayor Earenfight highlighted the following upcoming events:

- Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum – October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Passing the Bread Food Distribution – 8 – 10 a.m. on October 27 -- Public Safety Building
- State/Municipal Election -- Tuesday, November 6. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Municipal Canvassing Board – Tuesday, November 12 at 6:45 p.m.

Member Mathison commented that he has recently viewed Council meetings from other local communities on the cable access channel and feels that our Council works well together.

Kowalski/Laney unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 5th day of November, 2012.

Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer