

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Zimmerman City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor Dave Earenfight, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Earenfight and Council Member Mathison. Members Brisbin, Kowalski, and Laney were excused absent. Also present were Administrator Piasecki, and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann.

OPEN FORUM

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

2012 GENERAL FUND BUDGET & LEVY

Revenue and expenditure budgets summarized by Department were presented for review. Administrator Piasecki reported that since the Public Comment Meeting during the December 3 Council meeting, staff is proposing an additional \$18,575 in reductions to City Hall and Administrative expenditures and \$35,500 in reductions in the Streets and Parks Departments. Because of these changes, the levy can be reduced by approximately \$114,000 since certified to Sherburne County in September. This would bring the 2013 levy \$28,000 below the final certified 2012 levy amount.

If Council chooses to make the cuts identified by staff, the expenditure budget would total \$1,847,778, which is a 6.5% reduction from the certified preliminary budget and a 4.2% reduction in expenditures from the current year. These changes would result in the tax rate dropping from 56.694 as presented on December 3 to 51.932, or 8.5%

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

Passing the Bread will hold a Food Distribution event on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 8 – 10 a.m. at the Sherburne County Public Safety Building.

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

Mayor Earenfight declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of December, 2012.

Kary Tillmann, Clerk/Treasurer