

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Todd Hammel called the Zumbrota City Council to order at 6:00 PM. PRESENT: Council members Sara Durhman, Joan Bucher, Bob Prigge, and Kevin Amundson. Others present: Public Works Director Mike Olson, Finance Director Kim Simonson, City Attorney Matt Rockne, City Engineer Bill Angerman, Street Supervisor Larry Zielsdorf, Zumbrota Ambulance Association Representative Beth Stumm, David Kujawa (Three Rivers Community Action), Library Director James Hill, Officer Tyler Evenson, and NewsRecord reporter Holly Galbus (remote).

**AMENDMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS AMENDED**

**MOTION** Durhman, second Prigge to adopt the agenda. Approved 5-0-0.

**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** Prigge, second Amundson to approve the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Approved 5-0-0.

**REVIEW MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2024, NORTH ZUMBRO SANITARY DISTRICT**

Minutes were reviewed, no action was taken.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – MARCH 7, 2024**

**MOTION** Bucher, second Durhman to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$29,550.00. Approved 5-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9-A. THREE RIVERS OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM EXPANSION**

David Kujawa from Three Rivers Community Action introduced himself as the volunteer coordinator for Three Rivers Community Action. Three Rivers is creating a chore and home maintenance service using volunteers. This goal of this service is to help older residents to remain independent in their own homes by assisting with tasks they cannot do by themselves. Kujawa will be spearheading the effort to generate interest for volunteering and is creating a volunteer data base.

**8-B. NORTH ZUMBRO SANITARY DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

There will be an April 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing 6:05 pm to discuss facilities plans for the North Zumbro Sanitary District. Each of the four communities involved will be having meetings to discuss the construction of the plant, alternative, location, and cost. A presentation of the project will be given. The engineers will document and questions and responses and send them to the State of Minnesota.

**MOTION** Durhman, second Prigge to set a public meeting on April 4, 2024, at 6:05 pm, to discuss the North Zumbro Sanitary District. Approved 5-0-0.

**8-C. RESOLUTION 2024-07 APPROVING THE NZSSD LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

A location has been found for the proposed wastewater treatment facility. \$10,000,000 was given by the State of Minnesota for engineering, legal and purchase of a site. \$1,000,000 was dedicated to purchasing a site. Land owned by Jim and Connie Wendt 43.5 acres sold to the district and all four communities need to approve the purchase of the land. The Wendts have asked the district to help them lay out a concept plan for the rest of their land as part of the purchase process. Many assessments and studies are yet to be done. Prigge asked what would happen if funding were not received for the rest of the project and what would happen to the land. Angerman said the land will be owned by the district and in if that happened the land would revert to the State of Minnesota.

**MOTION** Durhman, second Amundson to approve Resolution 2024-07 Approving the ZNSSD Land Purchase Agreement. Approved by roll call 5-0-0: Hammel, Aye; Durham, Aye, Prigge, Aye; Bucher, Aye; Amundson, Aye.

**8-D. MANHOLE LEVELING**

**MOTION** Prigge, second Bucher to approve the quote from Floorcoat Midwest, LLC for manhole leveling for six manholes. The cost is \$2,000 per manhole and \$2,200 for mobilization. Approved 5-0-0.

**8-E. CHIP SEALING**

This year’s chip sealing project will cover 23,491 square yards of city streets and parking lots. The following quotes were received:

Pearson Bros., Inc	\$2.20 per square yard	\$84,332.69
Fahrner Asphalt	\$3.59 per square yard	\$51,680.20

**MOTION** Durhman, second Amundson to approve the bid for Pearson Bros., Inc. for \$2.20 per square yard for a total of \$51,680.20. Approved 5-0-0.

**8-F. CRACK SEALING**

This year’s crack sealing project would cover 4,731 linear feet. The following quotes were received:

Durst Outdoor Services	\$10,675.23
Fahrner Asphalt	\$ 7,288.05

**MOTION** Durhman, second Bucher to approve Fahrner for the crack sealing for \$7,288.05. Approved 5-0-0.

Olson and Zielsdorf gave a PowerPoint presentation on the cost effectiveness and necessity of establishing a robust crack and chip sealing program. They stressed spending some money on sealing with result in less money spent in reconstruction.

**Bill Angermann**

Made a brochure about Mill and 6<sup>th</sup>. The project was scheduled to start mid-May but with the mild weather Schumacher would like to start construction and remove trees beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have the project done by September 1, 2024. The first public announcement is going out. Tree removal will start on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mill and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets will be closed to parking and thru traffic beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Member Bob Prigge**

Said he had been approached by a citizen with concerns about the County Road 6 sidewalk. This resident would like them cleared all the time. He also asked about jake braking. Officer Evenson said it is enforceable but hard to catch to enforce.

**Council Member Kevin Amundson**

Informed the Council the per capita charge for the Zumbrota Area Ambulance will be increasing another \$2.50 per capita in 2025. This is necessary due to the poor payment rate of Medicare. Medicare only pay at 17-25% of the cost of a call.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

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City Administrator Brian Grudem