

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2026  
6:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

Mayor Todd Hammel called the Zumbrota City Council to order at 6:00 PM. PRESENT: Mayor Todd Hammel, Council members Bob Prigge, Kevin Amundson, Joan Bucher, and Fred Raasch. Others present: City Administrator Brian Grudem, Finance/HR Director Kim Simonson, Deputy City Administrator Myles Robb , Police Sergeant Tony Pasquale, Police Sergeant Stephanie Miner, Public Works Director Jeff Meyers, Paul Shelstad, Jayne Miller, Pete Grimsrud, Dave Grimsrud, Mike Schulte, Carol Schumann, Troy Ness, Ben Lindquist, Keith Dahl (Ehlers), Scott Goodman, Brian, and Diane Biwer.

**AMENDMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** Amundson, second Bucher to adopt the agenda. Approved 5-0-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SWIMMING POOL TAX ABATEMENT**

Grudem gave a presentation on the timeline of planning and decision making on the new pool. The current bid on the table leaves a \$1,300,000 gap between the referended bonding amount and the funds needed to bill the pool. Multiple scenarios have been examined and narrowed down to the Council approving a tax abatement bonding scenario. Keith Dahl, from Ehlers, explained the process of abatement. In abatement property taxes from selected parcels would be dedicated to the debt service of the abatement. But the result is an increase in the levy.

At 6:26 p.m. the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. Those present asked about the impact on taxes. The projected impact for the tax abatement portion of the pool costs is projected to be approximately \$60 per year on a home valued at \$300,000. Park Board members spoke to the process, and their conviction is that a new pool would add value and appeal to the City of Zumbrota as a whole. The public hearing closed at 6:59 pm and the meeting was adjourned.