

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2023
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: Mayor Todd Hammel; Council members Sara Durhman, Joan Bucher, Bob Prigge, and Kevin Amundson. Others present: City Administrator Brian Grudem, Police Chief Pat Callahan, Finance Director Kim Simonson, Community Development Director Kurt Meister, Library Director James Hill, Sergeant Justin Wallerich, and Gary Harbo.

AMENDMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION Durhman, second Prigge to approve the February 2, 2023, meeting minutes. Approved 5-0-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – FEBRUARY 16, 2023

MOTION Durhman, second Amundson to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$86,359.18. Approved 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Harbo asked the Council if a snow removal ticket could be paid for with community service. Council discussed and stated since Harbo did tremendous community service with the Community Garden they would be willing to dismiss this ticket one time. Council also mentioned the sidewalk in front of the garden is Harbo's responsibility for snow removal. **MOTION** Durhman, second Amundson to consider Harbo's snow removal ticket paid due to his volume of community service, and with the understanding this is a one time exception. Approved 5-0-0.

Harbo also told the Council he may need to move in order to grow his business. If that happens he will need to find a way to transition the Community Garden. Council asked him to keep them apprised of his decisions.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8-A. LAWN MOWER PURCHASE

A full time employee was added to the public works department with the expectation mowing, which has been contracted out, will come back to the City. This will save money and allow for a more flexible mowing schedule. In order to facilitate that an additional mower will need to be purchased. Olson presented the following quotes for a Ferris ISX 2200 ZT with and 60" deck and 28 Vanguard OGS:

Gerlach Outdoor Power EQT	\$12,799
Lodermeier's Inc	\$12,700

MOTION Durhman, second Prigge to approve the purchase of the Ferris ISX 2200 ZT with and 60" deck and 28 Vanguard OGS from Lodermeier's Inc. Approved 5-0-0.

8-B. SAFE STEP 2023 SIDEWALK SAW-CUTTING PROJECT

The Sidewalk Committee is recommending Safe Step be hired to repair sidewalks to a more walkable condition. They will repair sidewalks along main and some of the feeder sidewalks. \$8000 will be allotted for this and when they reach that amount the project will be considered finished. The objective is to continue the program and work through the City sidewalks. **MOTION** Prigge, second Durhman to approve the Safe Step 2023 Sidewalk Saw-Cutting project in the amount of \$8000. Approved 5-0-0.

8-C. JEFFERSON DRIVE PAY REQUEST 1

This pay request is for the materials which have been purchased for the project and have been waiting to be installed. Payment for this is allowed. **MOTION** Prigge, second Durhman to approve Pay Request 1 for the Jefferson Drive Project to Schumacher Excavating for \$264,260.60. Approved 5-0-0.

8-D. RESOLUTION 2023-06 APPROVING SUPPORT FOR A NORTH ZUMBRO SANITARY DISTRICT REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT GENERAL FUND AND G.O. BONDING BILL REQUEST (ZUMBROTA)

The Council was updated on the continuing effort to get state funding for the proposed sanitary district. The bills are set currently, and a resolution of support is needed. **MOTION** Durhman, second Prigge to approve Resolution 2023-06 Approving Support for a North Zumbro Sanitary District Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project General Fund and G.O. Bonding Bill Request (Zumbrota). Approved by roll call 5-0-0 (Hammel, aye; Durhman, aye; Prigge, aye; Bucher, aye; Amundson, aye).

City Administrator Brian Grudem

Updated the Council on the progress with the Capital Improvement Financing Plan. Keller-Baartman will be having an open house of February 24th for the public to view the apartment building. The Emerald Ash Borer Grant has been submitted. Grudem thanked Olson and Hill for their exceptional work in preparing the grant.

Council Member Kevin Amundson

Sat in on the Ambulance committee most recent Zumbrota Area Ambulance Association meeting. They passed their inspection and are in the process of getting a new rig. The next full Ambulance Board meeting will be February 22.

Community Development Director Kurt Meister

Stated the EDA wants to fund a 2023 Visitors Guide. He and Alimire are working on a grant to install two EV chargers in the City.

The meeting adjourned 6:31 p.m.

Brian Grudem, City Administrator