

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 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, Brian Grudem (remote), Community Development Director Kurt Meister, Police Chief Pat Callahan, Jake Rude, 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 – MARCH 7, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION Prigge, second Amundson to approve the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes. Approved 5-0-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – MARCH 21, 2024

MOTION Bucher, second Durhman to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$47,312.67. Approved 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Rude addressed the Council about the proposed Keller-Baartman apartment building on the downtown Frandsen Bank site. He raised concerns about parking and keeping the downtown area retail.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8-A. SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SEMMCHRA SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANT

MOTION Bucher, second Amundson to set a public hearing for the SEMMCHRA Small Cities Development Grant for April 4, 2024, at 6:05 pm. Approved 5-0-0.

8-B. PROPOSED MINI STORAGE FACILITY AT 1431 NORTH STAR DRIVE

This item was informational. Steve Bucher is proposing to build storage units on 1431 North Star Drive. The current zoning classification doesn't specifically spell that out as an allowed use. Planning and Zoning feels this is an acceptable use. No public hearing is needed, and this time was sent to Council for their information.

8-C. REZONE OF THE OLD FRANSDEN BAND AND TRUST BUILDING AT 70 3RD ST WEST

Grudem told the Council that Planning and Zoning has set a public hearing 9th at 5:35p, to discuss the possible rezone to the downtown Frandsen Bank property to allow construction of an apartment building featuring studio, two- and three-bedroom apartments. to rezone those parcels. If approved,

the parcels would be changed from a commercial zone to PUD. Keller-Baartman is pursuing a workforce housing grant for this project and the rezone would be contingent upon the purchase of the property by Keller-Baartman. This is a preliminary process and must happen for the grant to be applied for. If the grant is not received the project will not happen.

8-D. RESOLUTION 2024-08 APPROVING SUPPORT FOR A NORTH ZUMBRO SANITARY DISTRICT REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT G.O. BONDING BILL REQUEST

MOTION This is a resolution of support which has been done in prior years. The lobbyists hold this on file. Motion Durhman, Second Amundson to approve the Resolution 2024-08 Approving Support For a North Zumbro Sanitary District Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project G.O. Bonding Bill Request. Approved by roll call: Hammel: aye; Durhman: aye; Prigge: aye; Bucher: aye; Amundson: aye.

8-E. BRAD NORD – BITTER CREEK STORM MANAGEMENT POND REPAIR CONTRIBUTION

The stormwater retention pond on Brad Nord's property needs repair. The NRCS and Goodhue County SWCD have agreed to share 90% of the estimated cost of \$65,537. Nord and the City of Zumbrota would each pay 5% of the cost \$3,276.85. **MOTION** Durhman, second Prigge to approve payment of the Bitter Creek Storm Management pond repair in the amount of \$3,276.85. Approved 5-0-0.

8-F. BOULEVARD TREE REMOVAL – COUNCIL AWARD RECOMMENDATION

The following quotes were received for boulevard ash tree removal:

Hathaway Tree Service	\$ 19,700
Northwoods Tree Service	\$ 23,500
Huemann Tree Services	\$ 24,500
Arrow Tree Works	\$ 29,876
Castle Rock Contracting & Tree	\$103,000

The grant is for \$17,150. Additional money will need to come out of the Tree Fund (107)

MOTION Durhman, second Amundson to approve the quote from Hathaway Tree for the removal of the boulevard ash trees for \$19,700.00. Approved 5-0-0.

8-G. VALUE LIQUOR CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO LICENSE

MOTION Durhman, second Bucher to approve the Value Liquor Cigarette and Tobacco License. Approved 5-0-0.

8-H. EMERGENCY SIREN

The siren by the Street Department shop is not working. Olson requested the Council approve the purchase of a new siren from Ancom Communications for an omnidirectional siren, transformer. VHF receive, coaxial cable, mounting bracket, antenna, and labor services from Ancom for \$17,212.00. There will be additional costs for electrical work for the siren.

MOTION Durhman, second Prigge to approve purchase of the emergency siren from Ancom Communications for \$17,212.00. Approved 5-0-0.

REPORTS

City Administrator Brian Grudem

Thanked Council for allowing him to attend MCFOA conference. He is currently at the conference.

Police Chief Pat Callahan

Reported on the progress for the memorial garden for fallen officer Gary Schroeder.

Mayor Todd Hammel

Told the Council Terry Johnson is retiring as the DFA plant manager. He thanked Johnson for the working relationship developed with DFA and the service Johnson gave to the EDA.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm

City Administrator Brian Grudem

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