

# City of Zumbrota

Work Session Minutes  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, acting Mayor Sara Durhman called the Zumbrota City Council to order at 5:36 PM. PRESENT: Mayor Todd Hammel (remote); Council members Joan Bucher, Kevin Amundson, and Bob Prigge. Others present, City Administrator Brian Grudem, Police Chief Pat Callahan, Public Works Director Mike Olson, Finance Director Kim Simonson, Community Development Director Kurt Meister, Dan Moore (Core & Main), Jessica Cook (Ehlers), and Library Director James Hill.

## **WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT – DAN MOORE – CORE & MAIN**

In 2006 all the water meters were replaced within the City of Zumbrota. About 1,053 of those meters are still in service and are slowing down due to wear on mechanical parts. Moore and staff have been discussing the merits of replacing the meters. The new meters would be electronic, able to have historical usage within the meter, and have the capability of being read right at City Hall. Moore discussed the merits of the system highlighting the accuracy of the meters and the ability to give residents an measurement of when water usage happens. If approved at a future Council meeting the install would be done in phases and a tower would need to be installed to facilitate the transfer of data for the meters.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/INVESTMENT PLANNING**

Jessica Cook (Ehlers) presented the Capital Improvement financing plan. The plan showed what can be accomplished within the parameters of a 6.5% levy increase and the desire to provide core services. Approval of using the tool crafted to assist in budgeting will be in an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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Brian Grudem, City Administrator