

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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: 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, Sergeant Justin Wallerich, Library Director James Hill, Sergeant Justin Wallerich, Jay Brewer, NewsRecord reporter McCrae Olson, Krista Rowe, Connie and Steve Growth. Andrew Johnmeyer, Krista Rowe.

AMENDMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION Prigge, second Durhman to approve the August 3, 2023, meeting minutes. Approved 5-0-0.

MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2023, WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION Bucher, second Amundson to approve the August 9, 2023, work session meeting minutes. Approved 4-0-1 (Durhman abstaining).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – AUGUST 17, 2023

MOTION Amundson, second Durhman to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$711,716.75. Approved 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Groth addressed the Council with concerns about enforcement of ordinances regarding nuisances. He stressed the Council communicated directly with those affected. He stated the ordinance is important and how it is enforced is important. Mayor Hammel thanked Groth for his comments and said those types of concerns are why a committee is being formed to get a balanced approach.

PUBLIC HEARING

7-A. ORDINANCE 2023-03 ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM REGARDING THE SALE, MANUFACTURING, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS IN THE CITY OF ZUMBROTA

The public hearing opened at 6:10 pm. Rockne had revised the original ordinance to allow use of cannabis on an owner's property. Andrew Johnmeyer lives outside of town and wants to establish a cannabis business. He urged the Council to examine how the proposed ordinance affects tenants, the punishment for possession and to consider how open container and smoking laws are enforced for liquor and cigarettes. Amundson asked Rockne to revise the ordinance to address the sale, manufacture and distribution but not the possession. Grudem said the moratorium the City time to study the best way to approach the newly legalized cannabis laws. The laws passed rather quickly, and cities need time to set up a proper framework. The public hearing will remain open until September 7th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8-A. ANNEXATION OF ½ OF 460TH STREET – UPDATE

Grudem gave an update. He has not heard back from Zumbrota Township but will reach out again.

8-B. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Grudem and Simonson gave an update and asked Council to come back with questions.

NEW BUSINESS

9-A. COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL UPDATE

Krista Rowe with the Covered Bridge Festival Committee presented a list of requests for the festival. Some will need to be addressed by MNDot. The requests pertinent to the City are closure of East Avenue for the parade and water wars and the closure of the City Hall and Library parking lot for events. **MOTION** Durhman, second Prigge to approve the closures of East Avenue, the City Hall Parking Lot, and the Library Parking lot for the Zumbrota Covered Bridge Festival. Approved 5-0-0

9-B. APPOINTING CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CODE COMMITTEE

Two applications were received prior to the deadline, two were received after the deadline. Staff is recommending the approval of the two applicants received before the deadline. **MOTION** Durhman, second Amundson to appoint Marcy Berka and Susan Griffith to the CODE Committee. Approved 5-0-0.

9-C. AMENDED URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCE TO ADD LAYING DUCKS (FIRST READING)

PZ has approved the allowance of up to four laying ducks, a combination 10 total laying ducks and chickens. This was the first reading of the ordinance.

COMMENTS

City Administrator Brian Grudem

Gave an update on sanitary district. The Council will be receiving minutes from the Joint Powers meetings. Nick Coverman will be presenting the numbers from the SEMMCHRA rehab program and what the next steps will be. He gave a Jefferson update. The project is progressing well. Color samples have been selected for City Hall. Nilssen's construction will begin soon. The new tobacco store applied for a sign permit.

Sergeant Justin Wallerich There was a pedestrian hit on Main Street last Friday who suffered significant injuries. The driver was at fault. He said there are additional TZD monies available which could be used for enforcement and education. Bucher spoke about the matter as well.

The meeting adjourned 6:49 p.m.

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