

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL\*  
ZEARING, IOWA  
September 09, 2024**

Due to the anticipated large public attendance the meeting was moved to the Dakin Community Center.

7:00 PM Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Perisho, Tisdale, Johnson, Good and Pascuzzi. Absent – None. Also present were Lori Bearden, temporary clerk, B. Black, Public Works and Story Co. Deputy.

Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to approve the 08.19.24 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Tisdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perisho to approve after amending the 08.23.24 minutes to add Good's motion that Peck comply with the originally approved building permit at 402 N Elm with Tisdale 2<sup>nd</sup> and passing 5-0. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve after amending the 08.27.24 minutes by changing Mayor Reed to Mayor Herr. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Perisho, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to approve the claims report totaling \$27,244.14. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no questions for the Story Co. deputy and the deputy had no comment. A call list was provided.

Open Forum: Comments were heard from P. Obrecht., J. Peck, J Jeffries, J. White-Rose, D. Schnormeier, D. Heinze, L. Beard. Topics covered in the comments were: inappropriate use of grant funds, inappropriate transfers of funds, city credit card use, seeking restitution would be appropriate use of attorney fees, better council and city office transparency, consider an oversight committee, council and mayor should make use of tools available to them from the Iowa League of Cities. J Jeffries would like to be added to the October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

New Business:

Marlin Bearden, P&Z administrator, shared that Mr. Peck has removed concrete that was in violation of his approved building permit and has verified that the project is currently in compliance. Beard is waiting for a permit application from D. Schnormeier to evaluate his proposed project. Beard informed the council of a verbal altercation with Counselman Good and requested a vote of confidence from the council. Action to reaffirm Beard's appointment will be added to the October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. J. Jefferies leaves mid-meeting.

J.R. Murrell comments in defense of Counselman Good.

Mayor Herr updated council the progress toward a purchase agreement with Bryan Hall. Hall proposes to purchase the property locally known as 315 N Elm St. The city acquired this property by purchasing tax stamps on the property in the amount of \$1,300.00. Mr. Hall will ask the city to vacate the alley that runs along the north edge of the properties that run along the north side of the property. Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to proceed with having the city attorney draft a purchase agreement between Mr. Hall and the City of Zeoring. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

Old Business:

Delinquent Utility Balance – this was not available for the meeting.

There were no new nuisances reported.

Superintendent report: B. Black reported that mowers were being repaired and replacement utility meters were being installed.

Clerk's report: The temporary clerk did not prepare a report, but she did speak of the road blocks encountered with getting reads on many utility meters. Superintendent Black is spending a lot of time physically rereading meters and verifying serial numbers on meters that will not read. He has also replaced a number of meters. The goal is to be able to get accurate meter reads and to avoid the numerous estimations that have taken place in the past.

Mayor's report: Amy Womeldorff will be starting next week to start preliminary training as city clerk. Her official appointment and oath will take place at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At 7:55 p.m., there being no further business, motion by Tisdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perisho to adjourn. Motion passes 5-0.

Claims 09.09.24		
AG SOURCE	WATER TESTING	170.75
ALLIANT	UTILITIES	2,893.34
CHASE VISA-		
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL	452.67
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVD/PROGRAM	822.61
CITY HALL	SOFTWARE	77.83
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE	54.67
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE	54.68
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	38.63
DENTONS DAVIS	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	370.00
LOCALIQ	PUBLICATIONS	132.00
IRUA	PURCHASED WATER	7,520.00
MENARDS	STREET MAINT.	61.94
MINERVA VALLEY TELE.	PHONE/INTERNET	359.35
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	TOUCHPADS/METERS	1,426.80
PLUNKETT'S	PEST CONTROL	345.08
PORTABLE PROS	SOFTBALL FIELD UNIT	120.00
US BANK	COPIER CONTRACT	653.66
VAN WALL	MOWER REPAIR	237.24
ZEARING DAYS COMM.	SUPPORT	1,500.00
SUBTOTAL		17,291.25
PAYROLL	08.21.24	3,543.59
PAYROLL	09.04.24	6,409.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27,244.14</b>
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL	13,343.19	
STREETS	3,754.40	
WATER	9,515.82	
SEWER	630.73	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,244.14</b>	

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zeoring, Iowa

Attest:

Lori Bearden, Zeoring Temporary Clerk