

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
 ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
 CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
 DECEMBER 9, 2024**

7:00 Mayor ProTem Perisho called the meeting to order and roll call was taken: Present: Tisdale, Johnson, Good. Absent: Mayor Herr, Pascuzzi.

Motion by Good, 2nd by Tisdale to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Good, 2nd by Johnson to approve the 11.12.24 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Good, 2nd by Tisdale to approve the 11.21.24 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Tisdale, 2nd by Good to approve the claims totaling \$72,179.76. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	200.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,539.63
BRET HARRIS	PARK BOARD HALLOWEEN	124.76
CHASE VISA		
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVD/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	1203.72
CITY HALL	WEBSITE/POSTAGE/TRAINING	306.93
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL/TRAINING	321.13
WATER	POSTAGE/MAILING SUPPLIES	355.34
SEWER	POSTAGE	55.35
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	1,602.00
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	LABOR	79.34
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLISHING FEES	108.00
GWORCS	2025 ANNUAL SUB. FEE	5,400.00
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	LIGHTS	575.74
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,308.74
IOWA ONE CALL	22 LOCATES	19.80
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	80,400 GALLONS WATER	3,760.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,308.74
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,756.00
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	CLINIC EXTINGUISHER SERVICE	230.05
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	352.82
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 6-30-2023	35,591.64
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	NOVEMBER SERVICE	117.90
TANYA NUNN	PARK BOARD HALLOWEEN	221.96
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	1,115.96
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	MOWER PARTS	14.10
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE 12/2024	705.67
WILLIAM BLACK	JUL-NOV CELL REIMBURSEMENT	250.00
SUBTOTAL		64,911.49
PAYROLL	11.13.24	3,524.97
PAYROLL	11.27.24	3,743.30
TOTAL		72,179.76
EXPENSES BY FUND		

GENERAL		62,478.76
ROAD USE TAX		575.74
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		705.67
WATER		6,538.81
SEWER		1,880.78
TOTAL FUNDS		72,179.76

The Sheriff said it has been quiet. He has nothing new to report, but warned to watch for increase in crime brought on by the holidays.

Open Forum:

Dick Schnormeier brought up how the city is looking for an empty lot to put a house on and Rick Good has 2 lots on Garfield. Rick said it's being worked on. Dick also asked about the City's tax problem mentioned last month, Perisho said it would be talked about later in the meeting.

Dale Kennedy explained how at their original shop in Louisville MN they offer a volunteer service twice in October collecting leaves using a shredder vac. He wonders if our community could use a similar service that they would provide voluntarily. He is just mentioning it now so it can be considered for the future.

Judy White needs someone to step in and help for awhile with the welcome baskets due to her mobility issues.

New Business:

Lori Bearden reviewed the fiscal year 2024 Street Finance Report with the council. No action was needed or taken.

Discussion was had on setting a workday for updating the Code of Ordinances. The need is recognized. Copies of questions to be answered need to be made/distributed to those involved so they can look at them ahead of time and a work date will be set based on availabilities.

Motion by Good, 2nd by Tisdale to approve Ebrock Enterprises DBA Wild Horse Tavern Class C Retail Alcohol License. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business:

Delinquent water bills are at **\$7,114.48**.

Nuisance Properties: Two properties have been brought up to the city. 415 S. Center St. and 301 Ash St. Motion by Good, 2nd by Tisdale to send nuisance letters to these properties. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent report: Lagoon draw down and transfer from main pond to secondary pond is complete. With the flyers that we sent out we were able to get a lot more contact information than we had. We have a lot more brass meters than we realized that will need to be changed out. O got the snow fence up at the soccer field. Iowa Rural has a rate increase starting at the beginning of the new year, so we will want to look at raising our rate.

Clerk report: I attended a budget workshop. Also, studied IPERS rules/guidelines. Simple City is being discontinued at the end of 2025, looking into options to replace it. Finished paying back taxes totaling just under \$51,000. We should still be hearing from the federal government about penalties/interest.

Mayor report: We are now up to date on our taxes, state and federal. This is why he has been hesitant to approve projects. He has wanted to get taxes caught up and get our budget back in line. We are working on a T-Mobile grant to be submitted later this month. Also, the bill for our audit came in at \$35,000.

Next regular meeting Monday January 13, 2023 at 7PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:30 to adjourn, 2nd by Good. Motion passes 4-0.

Sandy Perisho, Mayor ProTem of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:
Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk