

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

7:00pm Mayor Beard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Johnson, Perisho, Pascuzzi, Adams. Absent: Hill.

Perisho motioned to approve the agenda, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the 1.12.26 regular meeting minutes, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Johnson motioned to approve the 1.20.26 special meeting minutes, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adams motioned to approve the 1.22.26 special meeting minutes, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adams motioned to approve the 1.26.26 special meeting minutes, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the claims totaling \$37,677.18 , Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

<b>CLAIMS REPORT 2.9.26</b>		
<b>VENDOR</b>		
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	229.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	4,172.43
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/POSTAGE/OFF. SUPPLIES	175.66
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	710.71
SOLID WASTE	POSTAGE	49.00
PUBLIC WORKS	CITY FUEL	100.65
WATER	POSTAGE	49.01
SEWER	POSTAGE	49.00
CITY OF ZEARING	ADD. HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE	34.28
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	FIRE STATION FURNACE REPAIR	780.00
COLIN CHINERY	BLS RENEWAL CERTIFICATIONS	350.00
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	71.00
DUNLAP, JACKIE	EMS SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	72.09
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	DECEMBER PUBLICATIONS	185.60
HIGHTIDE TECHNOLOGIES	IPW ANNUAL COMM. RENEWAL FEE	600.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,965.14
IOWA ONE CALL	3 LOCATES	2.70
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,014.12
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,274.72
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,705.50
LAKEVIEW BOOKS	LIBRARY BOOKS	282.86
LIQUID LOGIC	MONTHLY OPERATOR SERVICES	1,100
MARLIN BEARD	PARK RENO SHELTER/RESTROOM	3,858.00
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	TRUCK DOOR REPAIR	327.25
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TV	366.92
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST PREVENTION SERVICES	122.62

STORY CO. ANIMAL CONTROL	OCT.-DEC. ANIMAL CONTROL	192.50
TANYA NUNN	PARK BOARD SANTA CHILI SUPPER	164.60
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
USA BLUEBOOK	pH TESTING SUPPLIES	447.68
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,194.44
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	168.66
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>30,375.07</b>
PAYROLL	1.21.26	3,422.72
PAYROLL	2.4.26	3,879.39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,677.18</b>
<b>EXPENSES BY FUND</b>		
GENERAL		24,896.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,194.44
WATER		8,571.25
SEWER		3,015.31
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>37,677.18</b>

Sheriff's report: The sheriff's deputy did not have anything to report and no one had anything to ask or report to the deputy.

Open forum: One person spoke during the open forum.

New Business:

M. Johnson from Midwest Insurance Corp. was present to discuss the city's insurance policy. They handle several small towns' insurance policies and know how to shape a policy to fit a city. After questions & discussions it was generally agreed that the city's insurance has been needing to be gone over for quite some time. It was also agreed that this is one area where an agent that works frequently with cities would be to our advantage over keeping it local. Our primary insurance company would not change, just the agent. Perisho motioned to sign the agent of record change, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The city received the FY27 law enforcement services contract with the Story County Sheriff. We will pay a per capita (based on the 2020 census = 528) rate of \$71.94, which amounts to \$37,984.32. This will be divided into quarterly payments. This is a 2.5% increase over last year's rate, as was negotiated at the Nov. 2025 Mayor's Meeting. Adams motioned to approve the FY27 law enforcement contract, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Harold "Jay" Morgan has shown interest in the Planning & Zoning Administrator position. He has experience as a real estate agent, platted sub-divisions, been in front of the county planning & zoning board, sat on a city council, & would like to keep open communication if & when there is a need for further training or help is needed. Perisho motioned to appoint Morgan as the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The planning & zoning board recommended Rick Good to be appointed as a member of the board. The council discussed this recommendation. Many had reservations about how he would let his biases affect his decisions. Adams made a motion to deny the request to appoint Good to the planning & zoning board, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

With our EMS appointing a new president, the Story County 911 Service Board reached out for us to update our voting member and alternate. Pro-tem Adams will take this back to the EMS/FD & return with it next month with our updated contacts.

In October of 2019 the Council approved a tax abatement for 402 N Elm St (Peck). The building is finally done and the abatement will be applied to the 2026 assessment. The Story County Assessor asked that the Council review the application as it has been over five years since it was approved. Perisho motioned to approve the Peck's original tax abatement application, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There are eight delinquent accounts currently. While we may not be turning off services because it is winter, notices will be going out, reminding people to pay what they can, as they are still incurring charges.

There were no nuisance properties reported this month.

Superintendent's report: Met with contractors about street intakes & the lagoon liners to get estimates, cutting trees at the lagoon, studied for certifications, picked up the blade cylinders from repair, troubleshot excessive water usage for a customer.

Clerk's report: She has bank reconciliations done up through July 2025. The AFR report should be published later this week. The digital sign was broken, but is now fixed. A big thank you to Minerva Valley Telephone for donating the labor and for fixing the sign!

Mayor's report: Next month we will have quotes for projects that we have been talking about needing done around town. Hopefully by then we will also have an idea of what grants we will be able to apply for to help with these projects.

No council members had anything to report.

Next regular meeting is Monday March 9, 2026 at 7pm at City Hall.

Pascuzzi motioned at 7:50pm to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Marlin Beard, Mayor Zearing, Iowa

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Attested:  
Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk