

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
MARCH 10, 2025**

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda, Good seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Good motioned to approve the 2.10.25 Regular Meeting Minutes, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 2.24.25 Special Meeting Minutes, Pascuzzi seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to approve the claims totaling \$37,203.00, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR		
ACTIVE 911, INC.	ACTIVE ALERT SUBSCRIPTION	472.50
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	29.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTICITY/GAS	4,280.84
AMY WOMELDORFF	MILEAGE	154.10
CHASE VISA		
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVD/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	1,148.41
CITY HALL	SUPPLIES/TRAINING/COMPUTER	863.09
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL/TRAINING/PARTS	1,348.69
WATER	POSTAGE	67.76
SEWER	POSTAGE	67.76
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	FIRE/HERITAGE FURNACE SERVICE	170.00
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	ROCK & DELIVERY	730.71
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	3,066.00
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLICATIONS	263.19
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	PARTS	117.00
IA. ASSOC. OF MUN. UTIL.	2025 WATER MEMBER DUES	720.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	1,543.84
IOWA FALLS GLASS	NUCARA TRANSMIT. REPLACEMENT	1,057.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,202.67
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,561.50
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	CLINIC FIRE ALARM INSPECTION	691.68
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TELEVISION	356.35
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	FEBRUARY SERVICE	229.28
RK DIXON	COPIES	9.49
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	SAND/SALT	877.02
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
SUBTOTAL		30,498.35
PAYROLL	2.19.25	3,359.86
PAYROLL	3.05.25	3,344.79
TOTAL		37,203.00
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		24,405.91
ROAD USE TAX		910.63

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		132.12
WATER		8,157.43
SEWER		3,596.91
TOTAL FUNDS		37,203.00

There was no Sheriff present to report.

One Forum: White-Rose – misc. updates.

Good motioned that Ordinance 176, **an ordinance amending section 92.02 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing new water service rates beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be given its third reading for passage, seconded by Johnson.

Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Perisho motioned that Ordinance 176, **an ordinance amending section 92.02 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing new water service rates beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be finally adopted, seconded by Pascuzzi. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Ordinance 176 is passed and adopted on March 10, 2025 and effective upon publication in the Ames Tribune.

Perisho motioned that Ordinance 177, **an ordinance amending section 99.02 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing new sewer service rates beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be given its second reading for passage, seconded by Johnson.

Ayes: Perisho, Good Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Tisdale motioned to wave the third reading of Ordinance 177, **an ordinance amending section 99.02 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing new sewer service rates beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, seconded by Pascuzzi. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Good motioned that Ordinance 177, **an ordinance amending section 99.02 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing new sewer service rates beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be finally adopted. seconded by Perisho. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson.

Ordinance 177 is passed and adopted on March 10, 2025 and effective upon publication in the Ames Tribune.

Johnson motioned that Ordinance 178, **an ordinance amending section 101.08 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing a new storm water utility charge beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be given its second reading for passage, seconded by Perisho. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Good motioned to wave the third reading of Ordinance 178, **an ordinance amending section 101.08 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing a new storm**

water utility charge beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing, seconded by Tisdale. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Tisdale motioned that Ordinance 178, **an ordinance amending section 101.08 of the code of ordinances of the City of Zearing, Iowa, by establishing a new storm water utility charge beginning with the April 1, 2025 billing**, be finally adopted, seconded by Perisho. Ayes: Perisho, Good, Tisdale, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Nays: None.

Ordinance 178 is passed and adopted on March 10, 2025 and effective upon publication in the Ames Tribune.

Motion by Perisho to sell Gene/Lila Wiley the alley east of their property, Pascuzzi seconded. Motion failed.

After discussion the Council agreed to make the same agreement as made June 10, 2024 in vacating the alley.

Perisho motioned to sell Gene/Lila Wiley the alley east of their property for \$10 with the Wileys covering closing costs, Pascuzzi seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Eric Brock, owner of the Zearing Bar, attended to ask that 46.04 Minors in Billard Rooms be dropped from the city code book. Discussion was had about how the code is out of date and our town lacks activities for our youth. Their establishment provides a family-friendly atmosphere until 9pm that serves food, alcohol free beverage choices, as well as activities otherwise lacking for youth (ie games, music) in the community. The Council agreed to his request with the understanding that the Zearing Bar is responsible for ensuring all laws are upheld.

Tisdale motioned to grant the Zearing Bar a variance on this ordinance until we can have the 46.04 removed from the Zearing Code of Ordinances, seconded by Good. Motion carried 5-0.

Delinquent water bills: Disconnects are still delayed until April 1st. We sent out 11 letters last month, with 2 of those paying in full since. We are about to send out 8 more notices.

Superintendent's Report: He has had water distribution and wastewater training this month, and will have more training next month. Currently we are finishing the contracted sewer televising and cleanout for this year.

Clerk's Report: She attended Finance 101 class, plans on attending IMFOA spring conference next month, Gworks Cloud webinar, looking into possible Gworks alternatives for the future, & created a new city Facebook page, "City of Zearing, Iowa".

Mayor's report: He is still working on penalties/interest from back taxes. The clinic remodel will start this week. We are starting to gather bids for the shelter house project to start after Zearing Days. He plans on attending the first responders meeting this week.

Council Members report: They have been working on getting the code book updates ready to send in.

Next Regular City Council Meeting is Monday April 14, 2025 at 7 pm at City Hall.

Next Special City Council Meeting is the Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy on Monday March 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:53 pm to adjourn the meeting, Perisho seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:
Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk