

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
APRIL 13, 2026**

7:00pm Mayor Beard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Present: Adams, Perisho, Johnson, Pascuzzi, Hill. Absent: none.

Adams motioned to approve the agenda, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held 3.9.26, Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adams motioned to approve the minutes from the public hearing held 3.30.26 for the proposed property tax levy, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the special council meeting held 3.30.26, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to approve the claims totaling \$148,440.08, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS REPORT 4.13.26		
VENDOR		
ABSOLUTE GROUP CO	BLACK DIRT FOR PARK RENO	4,000.00
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	29.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	3,737.97
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/OFFICE SUPPLIES	472.73
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	584.34
SOLID WASTE	POSTAGE	45.14
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL/EQUIPMENT REPAIR/SUPPLIES	434.42
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE	45.14
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE	45.14
CHEVILLE TRUCKING	DUMP TRUCK REPAIR	9,853.17
CHRISTINE SKINNER	EASTER EGG HUNT	64.18
CITY OF ZEARING	ADD. HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE	17.14
JACKIE DUNLAP	EMS SUPPLIES	54.51
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	JANUARY PUBLICATIONS	519.04
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	W CLEV/N ASH SHUTOFF REPAIR	3,590.24
IA. ASSOC. OF MUN. UTILITIES	26-27 WATER MEMBER DUES	742.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,929.29
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,461.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,346.55
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,853.00
LIQUID LOGIC	MONTHLY OPERATOR SERVICES	1,100
MARLIN BEARD CONSTRUCTION	GOGERTY PARK RENO	5,017.00
MIDWEST INSURANCE CORP.	4/26-4/27 CITY INSURANCE	80,770.62
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TV	363.56

ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STATE	PERIODIC AUDIT FEE	1,500.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST PREVENTION SERVICES	122.62
RICK GOOD, LLC	FIRE DEPT. TANKER TIRES	1,970.00
SECURITY STATE BANK	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES	80.00
STORY CO. TREASURER	4 TH QTR SHERIFF CONTRACT PYMT	9,263.76
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	SALES&USE	178.87
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,194.44
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	168.66
SUBTOTAL		141,024.08
PAYROLL	3.18.26	3,598.98
PAYROLL	4.1.26	3,817.02
TOTAL		148,440.08
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		93,817.75
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,194.44
WATER		33,110.54
SEWER		20,317.35
TOTAL FUNDS		148,440.08

Sheriff deputy Sassman was present. No report other than with the weather getting nicer they are seeing an increase in theft, so remember to lock your doors.

One person spoke during the open forum.

Representatives from the annual Step into Storybooks event were present promoting children's early language and literacy development. Mayor Beard read a proclamation declaring April 11-17 "Week of the Young Child" urging all citizens to recognize that by investing in our children today, we are securing the collective future of our community. Perisho motioned to approve the proclamation, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The discussion was started on how the city will contribute to Zearing Days. Different ways in which the city can help were talked about, whether it is a monetary donation, covering specific bills, or something else. Adams motioned to table the discussion until next month while a little more research is done, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to give Ordinance 182, an ordinance increasing water rates by 14%, it's second reading, Adams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Adams, Perisho, Johnson, Pascuzzi, Hill. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to approve Lucky Wife Wine Slushy's 5-day alcohol license for Zearing Days, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The board that maintains Veteran's Memorial Ballfield has expressed that they would appreciate help maintaining the area outside the fence around the ballfield. The council is agreeable to figuring out a plan/schedule to share in the groundskeeping. Adams motioned to start working on a plan/schedule to share in this groundskeeping, Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Morgan, Zoning Administrator, was present to review permit approval procedure. Code was reviewed to help define what roles belong to each board/position and why/when different boards might be involved. No action was taken.

The council reviewed applications for board openings. Four people turned in applications for the park board.

Hill motioned to approve Dave Tisdale for the park board, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to approve Judy White-Rose for the park board, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to approve Jadin Wandschneider for the park board, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to approve Ryan Heldt for the park board, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed selling the empty lot at **Lot Twelve (12), Block Seven (7) of the Original Town of Zearing, Story County, Iowa** (112 E Main St.) Adams motioned to pass resolution #2026.413 proposal to sell city owned property, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adams motioned to schedule the public hearing for during our next regular city council meeting at 7pm on May 11, 2026, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

With the changes happening at Ames Resource Recovery, we have been asked what changes we are making or plan to make in consideration of the planet we inhabit. It was agreed that we should see what recycling options are even available to us and at what cost. Adams motioned to start looking into this and come back to this next month, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Delinquent Water Bills: We turned off one account on the first of the month.

Nuisance Properties: None turned in this month.

Superintendent's report: He worked on street repairs, trees at the lagoon, sewer issues, lots of locates this month. Adams motioned that the superintendent needs to get his water/sewer certification tests scheduled/taken this month & pesticide before the June meeting, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's report: She has been organizing, tying up loose ends, still filing the water reports. IMFOA conference is this week.

Mayor's report: He is working on getting a new pharmacy in town, hopefully we'll have one back here soon. Dealing with some water issues. Grass is planted back at the park.

Council members' report: Perisho did some work at the park, also documented with some photos.

Next special meeting is Monday April 20, 2026 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Next regular meeting is Monday May 11, 2026 at 7pm at City Hall.

Pascuzzi motioned at 8:50pm to adjourn the meeting, Adams seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Marlin Beard, Mayor Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk