MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

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

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

Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the 8.10.26 regular meeting, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adams motioned to approve the claims totaling $70,230.74, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS REPORT 9.14.26		
VENDOR		
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	450.35
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	2,353.41
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	63.75
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES/COMPUTER	1,830.10
SOLID WASTE	BILLING POSTAGE	40.67
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL /SUPPLIES	667.05
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/COMPUTER	99.61
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE	40.67
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	104.00
CITY OF ZEARING	ADD. HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE	34.28
CORE & MAIN	6FT DIPPER	112.65
DENTON DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	1,991.10
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	JULY PUBLISHINGS	428.16
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	2,123.37
IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY	PA 4557 TW 441 FEMA REPAYMENT	6,348.70
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBER DUES	645.00
IOWA PRISION INDUSTRIES	STOP SIGNS	307.56
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,460.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	RADIO SUBSCRIBER FEES	5,863.54
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,444.98
J&T TRUCK AND TRAILER	’04 FIRE TRUCK SERVICE	1,202.74
J&T PLUMBING	CURB STOP REPAIR	42.84
JERRY’S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,950.50
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	MISC. PARTS	9.68
KEY COOPERATIVE	HERBICIDE & FUEL	334.26
MAX’S AUTO REPAIR	SERVICE CITY TRUCK	79.00
MENARD’S AMES	CITY SUPPLIES	109.82
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	SEPTEMBER PHONE/INTERNET/TV	380.47

MOMAR	MOSQUITO SPRAY	2,971.21
NAPA AUTO PARTS – STORY CITY	AC REFRIGERANT SKID LOADER	90.98
NEVADA HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	51.96
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST PREVENTION SERVICES	372.99
RACOM CORPORATION	FD RADION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	2,083.59
ROBB'S TREE & STUMP SERVICE	DEAD TREE REMOVAL FROM ROW	11,900.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	APRIL-JUNE ANIMAL CONTROL	109.00
STORY COUNTY RECORDER	WILEY ALLEY SALE	51.00
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	3,160.00
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY	OXYGEN/ACETYLENE TANK LEASE	90.00
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	WITHHOLDING/WET/SALES & USE	938.42
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	MOWER PARTS	212.29
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,194.44
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	168.66
SUBTOTAL		**62,349.82**
PAYROLL	8.19.26	3,829.94
PAYROLL	9.2.26	4,050.98
TOTAL		**70,230.74**
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		56,542.92
ROAD USE TAX		397.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,194.44
WATER		8,576.88
SEWER		3,518.94
TOTAL FUNDS		**70,230.74**

Sheriff's report: Deputy Schultz did not have much to report, business as usual, other than the missing McCallsburg man. Council brought up concerns of kids riding in the streets without regard for others. The deputy said he would make note to have officers keep an eye out and talk to kids.

Open forum: No one signed up to speak during open forum.

Hill arrived at 7:12pm.

Tree transplanting in parks update: For the best results, the DNR has recommended transplanting the trees at the park as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. In the meantime, we need to figure out how we are going to move them.

City wide rick-or-treat was discussed. The council decided not to schedule a trunk-or-treat this year. Adams motioned to set this year's Zearing city wide trick-or-treat for Saturday October 31st 6-8pm, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Code Chapter 69 Parking Regulations were discussed. There have been issues with trailers being left on city streets and causing damage to the streets. Adams motioned to eliminate independent trailer parking on streets overnight, with special circumstance for encroaching on right of way, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Code Chapter 151 Trees were discussed, specifically how to regulate trees being planted and removed in city right of ways. The City of Hampton has a permit planting/removal application that the council/mayor reviewed and everyone liked the information required and the format. Adams motioned to change the details to fit Zearing and add it to our requirements for adding or removing trees from our city right of ways, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry's Sanitation will be starting to take our solid waste to Hardin County starting October 1st. They are working on getting our recycling carts and instructional literature together so we can get the recycling program going as close to then as possible too. We can expect more on our recycling program very soon.

Perisho motioned to approve resolution #26-9141 hereby accepting a role as a non-voting participant in the Rural Iowa Waste Management Associate Planning Area (RIWMA) , Adams seconded the motion. Ayes: Johnson, Hill, Pascuzzi, Adams, Perisho. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Adams motioned to approve resolution #26-9142 therefore it is hereby resolved by the City of Zearing that the RIWMA comprehensive plan and update is hereby adopted as the comprehensive solid waste reduction plan of the city and is committed to the State of Iowa 25% and 50% waste reduction and recycling goals, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Ayes: Johnson, Hill, Pascuzzi, Adams, Perisho. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Dave Tisdale resubmitted his name for consideration for the park board. Perisho motioned to reappoint Tisdale to the park board, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Beard and Mayor Pro-Tem Adams are requesting that Superintendent Chitty document his daily activities. This may seem tedious and redundant, but in the long run it will help in creating clarity in daily/weekly/monthly tasks. This will also help figure out how much help is needed, with what, and can be justified in the budget.

The second part of our FEMA audit is complete. A partial de-obligation in our expenses resulted in the city owing $12,133.96. With eligible management costs and a partial offset amount from the state share of PW 404, the total amount due is back was brought down to $6,348.70.

There are more delinquent accounts this month than we have had in a long time. Twenty-three disconnect notices went out last week with a shut off date of the 23rd.

Nuisance property notices will be continuing to go out for weeds/overgrowth as well as indoor furniture being discarded in front/back yards.

Superintendent's report: Lots of mowing, spraying weeds, DNR was here for wastewater review, DNR will be here for a water review tomorrow, been fixing water meters, and will be starting the lagoon drawdown in a couple weeks.

Clerk's report: Met with J. Luengas-Otto from the Ames Alliance. She is looking into several things for us including when derelict building grants will be available. Completed the FEMA audit. Also attended E-verify training that is now required for new hires.

Mayor's report: Got numbers together to get the pharmacy space put back in order after Nucara evacuated. We are applying for a grant with the hopes of Clinic Pharmacy will still be coming to town, but regardless the space needs painted and some work for any new tenant.

Council member's report: no council members had anything to report.

7:58pm Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Marlin Beard, Mayor Zearing, Iowa

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Attested:
Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk