

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
AUGUST 14, 2023**

7:00 PM Mayor Pro-Tem Tisdale called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Tisdale, Good, Skinner, Perisho and Murrell.

Murrell motioned to approve the agenda. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Skinner motioned to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting. Murrell seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Skinner motioned to pay the claims from July 11, 2023 to August 14, 2023. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	LAB WORK	47.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,868.10
BOLAND	PICNIC TABLES	2,675.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	PARTS/RENTAL	295.7
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	SUPPLIES	358
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.26
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES	6105.97
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	REPAIRS	10,935.00
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	ROCK	1,616.48
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	1,183.00
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	PARK REPAIRS	3,422.57
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	PUBLICATIONS	187.8
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	S PEARL WATER MAIN	25,300.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,189.44
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	4.5
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,186.20
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,238.65
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	garbage service	6,316.50
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	REPAIRS	509.64
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	374.49
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	63.26
MENARDS - AMES	SUPPLIES	1,129.85
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	329.83
NESSA, INC.	PARTS	50.33
PORTABLE PROS	PORT A POTTY	90
SIGN PRO	3 BUILDING SIGNS	3,635.00
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	115.91
STERLING FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	155.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	CHECK PRINTING	241.99
STORY CO ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CARE	45.5
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	LAW CONTRACT	8,817.60

US BANK	COPIER	1,250.70
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,739.38
ZEARING DAYS COMMITTEE	DONATION	1,500.00
Accounts Payable Total		81,685.08
Payroll Checks		12,343.41
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		100,289.46
GENERAL		61,841.37
ROAD USE TAX		230
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,739.38
WATER		32,930.93
SEWER		3,547.78
TOTAL FUNDS		94,028.49

Sheriff's Report: none.

Open Forum: Schlesky – Tree/Water progress, watts – Horse Show, Kennedy – Alley/Tree, Murrell – Open, White-Rose – Great Zearing Days, Schnormeier – No employee raises.

NB: Board of Supervisors ARPA check presentation.

Greg Piklapp – County Updates: Colo with YSS will have child care in Colo and Zearing will also have childcare on Mondays, TIF will be approached with Dorsey & Whitney, Downtown trees – Community Visioning Grnat with \$2K match due September 1st. Development of 2 Housing Projects are possible, Dollar General/Gas Station – discussions are ongoing, Story County ARPA funds will be requested to transition to water projects instead of just engineering fees.

Tany Nunn – Park Board President – Many issues were discussed about the upkeep of the trees that were planted in the South and East parks that were purchased using grants and matching funds. Contact will be made with Luke Gran to see what steps need to be taken to make the best effort to save as many trees as possible. Tree shelter s and netting need to be replaced on the remaining 67 trees and 32 shrubs that remain.

Research will be done with State Center to determine if the council would like to proceed with setting up an ordinance to provide residents with yard meters.

Contact will be made with the City of Colo about CN Rec funding.

Parttime city clerk position was discussed. Possibly look for another person to assist in the office for vacations and days off as needed. Also discuss with Tanya about working extra hours.

OB: Delinquent water bills, 15 letters will be sent this month. Total of the report is \$23,000.00 and the 15 letters are \$10,000.00 worth of delinquencies.

Nuisance Properties – N Elm property is in the City Attorney's hands at this time. 317 N Pearl was discussed and will need to consult attorney about proceeding forward.

Superintendent report – Water tower should be completed before school starts. Water projects continue to move forward despite the discovery of numerous unknowns under the ground at the North Pearl project. There has been the installation of the 8" main with new fire hydrant and 3 water service lines. The West Cleveland project will need to be determined after the North Pearl is completed.

Clerk Report – Been working with the attorney on the alley vacations and nuisances. Working with Greg. Water bill mailing issues have been resolved with Sandy Perisho’s help. Water project has had many phone calls and may need to implement a text/calling program for emergencies.

Mayor Report – Pro Tem- Tisdale requested communication from the different departments before purchases.

Council Reports – Thanks to the Zearing Days Committee for another successful Zearing Days!

Next regular meeting will be on September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Murrell motioned at 8:06 PM to adjourn meeting. Good seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa