

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
ZEARING, IOWA  
August 16, 2021**

7:00 PM Mayor Reed called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho, Skinner and Tisdale.

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting. Obrecht seconded. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from July 13, 2021 to Aust 9, 2021. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	25.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	1,569.02
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	426.01
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISIONING	SEWER CLEANING	7,924.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	5,019.11
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	PARK GRAVEL	2,534.80
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL	57
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	REPAIRS	367.5
DENNIS HENZE	SUPPLIES	157.35
GANNETT	PUBLICATIONS	344.99
HALL BACKHOE & TRENCHING	SEWER LINE JETTING	17,450.00
HELGELAND CARPENTRY	110 W MAIN ROOF - DERECHO	6,322.43
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,688.61
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	PERMIT FEE	210
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING, INC	SUPPLIES	550
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,377.63
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,229.90
J&T PLUMBING & HEATING	REPAIRS	297.52
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	5,061.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	BOOKS	213.5
KAREN DAVIS	REIMBURSEMENT	300
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	212.7
MENARDS - AMES	SUPPLIES	878.66
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	317.96
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	250
R.L. GOOD OIL CO.	FUEL	84.31
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	SUPPLIES	1,081.93
STORY CO ANIMAL CONTROL	TRIP CHARGE	25
US BANK	COPIER	814.39
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,778.75

WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
Accounts Payable Total		62,684.41
Payroll Checks		9,576.31
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		72,260.72
GENERAL		33,964.85
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,778.75
WATER		7,926.15
SEWER		28,590.97
TOTAL FUNDS		72,260.72

Sheriff's Report –None

Open Forum – Jerry Murrell reminded the Council of his previous attendance to a meeting expressing his concern about the enforcement of the ATV/UTV Ordinance. Council was in agreement about the Ordinance needing to be followed. Jerry Murrell then filed a written complaint about a child riding dangerously in town. Due to this complaint being written about a Council members son, Murrell feels that he, his son and grandson were mistreated by this council member. Murrell expressed again that is main concern is for the safety of the children of the community. He wanted to share this situation with the entire Council because he does not feel he deserved to be mistreated by a council member.

NB: Water bills were discussed. A glitch in the system occurred. Meters are being re-read for citizens with extreme waters bills. The machines have been checked and are ready to correctly read this next month. This past month also had an extra week of a reading which did mean customers bills would be a little bit higher than normal.

Tisdale motioned to approve Resolution #89-1-2021 for a change order with PCI for the Pearl Street Bridge Project. Change order was necessary due to an Engineering conflict of interest. Skinner seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho, Skinner and Tisdale. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve the Bridge Payout #1 and temporary Construction Loan from Security State Bank during the building process. Murrell seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho, Skinner and Tisdale. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Street Repair Estimated were discussed. While all agreed repairs are needed, it was agreed to table the item until the data from our Sanitary Sewer televising is reviewed.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 3-year Cummins Lift station Maintenance Agreement. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve Resolution #89-2-2021 to access to property taxes: a water bill and a nuisance clean-up to 2 properties. Skinner seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho, Skinner and Tisdale. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve the Beer Permit for Good II Go. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Obrecht motioned to end the temporary bonus pay for the City clerk effective August 16, 2021. Skinner seconded the motion. Ayes: Obrecht, Perisho and Skinner. Nays: Murrell and Tisdale. Motion Carried.

Obrecht motioned to have the agenda posted to the City Website. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employee Benefit package and Employee Handbook were discussed. While it was felt that a decision was not able to be made tonight, reviewing the handbook and benefits would be a beneficial idea.

Status of the AFR for FY21 was discussed. Obrecht requested the report be completed by the next meeting. Submission is December 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided to discuss monthly at the meetings but to aim for November completion instead.

Mayor Reed asked to have a discussion about employee intimidation. He felt that many items on the agenda are directed towards one employee specifically. These items had been discussed in the past and he feels like it is beating a dead horse.

OB: 102/106 E Main was discussed previously.

Delinquent water bills had 6 sent out.

Planning and Zoning: None.

Superintendent's Report: Felt Zearing Days and the Tractor pull went very well. A/C unit at NuCara went out but Adam was able to get it running again. Lagoon and the burn pile gate and posts have been replaced. Getting ready for all the yearly disinfectants and testing. Working on street sign replacement but many others have been found. Questions about the right away trees that were removed and filling in the holes with dirt has been asked. Some on the stumps were not ground down very low, so Black will collect the number of stumps that many need to be reground. Fire hydrants were all repainted and the part time help was done today, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Report – Part time clerk quit. Have been working to fix the water bill mis reads. FEMA has now transitioned to Iowa Homeland Security for completion. Working on filing for a SAM Number to receive the funding through the American Rescue Plan for infrastructure. Started work on the AFR and SFR. Completion of the projects the former clerk left (banners and the Tree Grant for the Park Board) will need to be completed.

Mayor Report – Completed his report through the meeting.

Council Member Reports- Positive comments have been received about the Part time summer help. Carl is mowing.

Skinner motioned at 8:20pm to going to Closed session for employee reviews Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5, (i.). Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to return to Open session at 8:31pm. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned that the attorney should be contacted to get clarification about Conflict of Interest. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Murrell motioned at 8:36 PM to adjourn meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

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Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa