

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Good motioned to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2023, October 31, 2023, and November 14, 2023, meetings. Tisdale seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Skinner motioned to pay the claims from November 15, 2023, to December 12, 2023. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	LAB WORK	71.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2819.53
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	234.13
CHASE CARD SERVICES	SUPPLIES	5725.02
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	2045
HIGH TIDE TEDHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL RENEWAL	600
IAS	PROPANE	253.58
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2661.25
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	LOAN PAYMENT	11515
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	6.3
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3577.60
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1882.46
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICES	6099
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KATHY TISDALE	ZEARING SIGN WREATHS	64.16
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	340.36
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORT A POTTY	90
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	222.68
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	SAND/SALT	623.45
TK GRADING & SEEDING, LLC	SEEDING PEARL ST	5250
U. S. POST OFFICE	WATER BILLS	102.15
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	2131.08
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
Accounts Payable Total		46478.84
Payroll Checks		6999.02
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		53477.86
GENERAL		32679.14
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		4543.71
WATER		2417.38
SEWER		13837.63

TOTAL FUNDS		53477.86
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Sheriff's Report: Asked if there was anything that needed to be shared. Request was made for extra morning patrols for speeding workers coming to town.

Open Forum: Schnormeier – Question for JR

NB: Oath of office was taken by the following newly elected officials that begin their term on January 2, 2024, at 12:00pm: Diane Pascuzzi – Council Member, Martin Herr – Mayor and Robin Johnson – Council Member.

Heritage Room will make a request in the future.

Good motioned to approve the purchase of 2 tax certificates for the property at 315 N Elm St. for \$1325.00. Tisdale seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Good motioned to approve the use of a VPN on the laptop computer. Tisdale seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Good motioned to set the Public Hearing and reading of Ordinance 175, amending section 99.03 Special Rates of the Sewer Service Charges. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 5% resident water rate increase with resident notice in the newsletter. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

OB: Delinquent water bills. 17 Letters have been sent out. 4 shut offs are possible the next day. Nuisance property at 301 N Olive should begin to be cleaned up in April 2024.

Superintendent report – Attended pesticide classes. South Center storm sewer project is almost complete. The long-awaited water permit for the City has arrived. Received the Water Supply inspection with no major issues reported.

Clerk Report – Busy time of year. Year end prep and webinars. Budget preparation has begun. Auditors will return next Wednesday.

Mayor Report – Thank you to Bill, Karen and the Council for their help these past few years. Told that you can usually only make 40% of the people happy. Welcome to Martin, Diane and Robin.

Next regular meeting will be on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:19pm to adjourn. Murrell seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa