

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
December 9, 2019**

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Herr gave the oath of office to Council members Skinner and Murrell.

6:58 PM Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale and Obrecht.

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

Murrell motioned to approve minutes from November 12, 2019 Meeting. Perisho seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to pay the claims from November 13, 2019 to December 9, 2019. Obrecht seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	88.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,935.87
BDS EQUIPMENT	SKIDLOADER BUCKET	1,419.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	PUBLIC SAFETY	124.7
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	ICE MELT	1,010.75
CERKA CLEANING SERVICES	108 E MAIN APT CLEANING	100
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	1,238.18
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION SERVI	CHILD SUPPORT	572.3
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.08
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	FIRE DEPT THERMOSTAT	210
DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION	57.4
GATEHOUSE -DB IOWA HOLDINGS	PUBLICATIONS	145.46
GRAY'S PAINTING/TREE SERVICE	TREE TRIMMING	750
HALLETT MATERIAL	SAND/SALT	110.36
HELGELAND CARPENTRY	108 E MAIN STEEL INSTALLATION	4,395.00
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	108 E MAIN SUPPLIES	1,938.89
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	1,762.96
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	30.6
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP	225
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,172.34
JERRY DUNN	108 E MAIN COMMERCIAL VINYL	4,965.00
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,758.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KYLE CHITTY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
LIBRARIANS' BOOK EXPRESS	BOOKS	99.92
MARCO	COPIER	241.41

MARTIN HERR	108 E MAIN PLUMBING	1,467.95
MENARDS	108 E MAIN SUPPLIES	4,444.99
MID AMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	47.85
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	321.97
PORTABLE PROS	PORTAPOTTY	70
R.L. GOOD OIL CO.	GAS	200.77
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL #1064	112 W MAIN	107
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	179.82
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	WATER POSTCARDS	726
STORY COUNTY AUDITOR	ELECTION FEES	179.14
US BANK	COPIER	596.33
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	PARTS	137.8
WAUKON IMPLEMENT	BRUSH BROOM	3,000.00
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INS	3,958.26
WHEELER AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	81.94
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		44,068.79
PAYROLL CHECKS		5,282.14
**** PAID TOTAL ****		49,350.93
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		49,350.93

Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald was present at the meeting. He referenced the response time from multiple officers within his department to the tragedy that occurred in the Zearing community in November. He was very impressed with the response time given the weather conditions that evening. He wanted to share his compliments to the Zearing First Responders for their control of the scene until the County arrived. He was very impressed with their assistance, thorough work, long hours and professionalism that evening. He thanked the Mayor for his help that evening as well as City Superintendent Chitty for his assistance. Deputy Lentz was in attendance as well. Other than our major call, the town has been quiet. County wide activity has been down as well.

During Open Forum, Jerry Peck, on the phone from Texas, called to share his disappointment with how the town government is functioning and that he feels agendas should be placed at all local businesses. It was explained that agendas are placed at the three locations that are required by City Ordinance. There are also multiple copies always available to be picked up at City Hall. Jerry Murrell asked if the lot at 113 W. Main St. was going to be put back up for sealed bid. The Mayor suggested adding that the next month's agenda to discuss. Jim Walker, Superintendent of Colo-NESCO School, was present to explain that the Task Force has decided to circulate a Petition for Bond Issue. 200 signatures are need to present a special bond vote on March 3, 2020. Julie Jefferies offered a blue spruce from her property to have as a Community Christmas tree.

New Business: Peggy Obrecht was present to ask the support of the Council to reduce the rate at the Dakins Center for the Sty. Gabriel's Soup Day in March. The rates have doubled and the Church is a non-profit that donates back to the community. The Park Board will be meeting to discuss this topic on Thursday.

The west side of the City's water tower lot was discussed. This item will be placed on next month's agenda. The Council is being asked to consider one of four options with this property and the CN School District: 1. Nothing, 2. Selling a portion of the lot, 3. Gift a portion of the lot to the school or 4. Rent/lease the property to the school. Permanent easement would be given to the City of Zearing for the water tower. Neighbor Ron Stuart asked about the possibility of the property being fenced to reduce any chance that individuals would drive on his property. The Mayor agreed to meet with Mr. Stuart to visually see and access the request.

Codification was discussed. No progress was made this month. It was agreed to set up a meeting time to review.

Skinner motioned to contact New Legal representation and have a meeting to discuss the City's needs and hire the firm. Tisdale seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve Zac Abrams and Tanya Nunn to the Park Board. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve a second credit card for City use. Skinner seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to approve Resolution 20-12-9 establishing the Zearing Heritage Historical Society as an Organization of the City of Zearing. Perisho seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes; Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale and Obrecht. Nays; 0. Abstained; 0. Motion Carried.

Old Business: Delinquent water bills. 5 Possible shut-offs at this time. 6/7 letters will be sent out this month.

NESCO Medical Board- none. Fire and EMS radios – Both departments have decided how many radios to purchase. EMS has placed their order and the Fire Department will be placing their order soon. Sidewalk improvement plan – none. Planning & Zoning – none.

Superintendent report: Sander for the pick-up is in, snow bucket has been purchased for the skid loader and the brush broom is here but the dealership is sending some parts. Pick-up will be going in to get the box fixed.

Clerk Report – Attended a Budget Meeting. The budget process will require an extra Max Levy hearing. Paperwork was given to each Council member to help explain the process to explain to the residents. This year is critical that each department will be turning in budget requests by Dec. 31st. Open House at City Hall will be held on Dec. 13th from 9-noon. Library will be holding their Night with Santa. A chili supper will be held at the Dakins Center to benefit the Library.

Mayor Report – Attended an Administrative Meeting in Nevada. Biggest topic of conversation was the Federally required radio upgrades. He suggested budget assistance for FY 20/21. Spend countless hours on the phone. 108 E Main is very near completion. Lease for the apartments is ready. An appraisal will be done on the building and placed on sale. Mayor asked all Council members to consider sale prices.

Council Reports – Welcome to new council member Lisa Obrecht.

Next Regular City Council will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7 PM, at City Hall.

Obrecht motioned at 8:00 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays 0. Motion carried.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa