

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
ZEARING, IOWA  
February 10, 2020**

7:00 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. Skinner seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Skinner motioned to approve minutes from January 13, 2020 Meeting. Perisho seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from January 14, 2020 to February 10, 2020. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACTIVE 911, INC.	RADIO RENEWAL	390
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	13.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	3,287.38
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	ICE MELT	612
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	2,307.28
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION SERVI	CHILD SUPPORT	572.3
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.08
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	SAND/SALT DELIVERY	385.4
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	TOOLS	259.18
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL SERVICES	399
DES MOINES REGISTER	NEWSPAPER	57.4
DUNLAP, JACKIE	SUPPLIES	449.53
FROHWEIN TIRE DIVISION	REPAIRS	160.18
HALLETT MATERIAL	SAND/SALT	101.98
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	PROPANE	423.54
IMFOA	MEMEBERSHIP FEES	50
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	1,835.70
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	7.2
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,248.68
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,177.67
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,781.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	52
KYLE CHITTY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	342.01
NESSA SPRAYER SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	12.59
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	PERIODIC EXAM FEE	1,200.00
PDG PRINTING	SUPPLIES	70
SALLY LARSEN	TRAINING REGISTRATION	150

STAPLES	SUPPLIES	347.1
STORY CO ANIMAL CONTROL	SERVICE FEES	53.2
US BANK	COPIER	32.21
WELLMARK BC/BS	INSURANCE	1,990.72
WHEELER AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	24.92
Accounts Payable Total		24,990.75
Payroll Checks		5,887.85
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		30,878.60
GENERAL		19,730.33
ROAD USE TAX		1,199.38
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,990.72
WATER		5,678.80
SEWER		2,279.37
TOTAL FUNDS		30,878.60

Sheriff's Report – None.

During Open Forum, Jerry Murrell asked why the property at 113 W Main St., was not going to be placed for sale. At the previous meeting the Council decided to not place the property for sale. Murrell thought this was an unfair decision.

New Business: Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year 2020-2021 was scheduled for this evening but due to publication errors will need to be held again. A special meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Tisdale motioned to proceed forward with the agreement with the DOT to accept funding for the replacement of the Pearl Street Bridge. Also allowing the Mayor to contact an engineering firm to get some of the preliminary numbers required to complete the DOT Agreement. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to Set the Public Hearing to Adopt the Budget for March 9, 2020 at 7 pm. Skinner seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to re-evaluate the rent at 110 W. Main St and increase by \$50 each month to cover the increase in Property Taxes on the building. This would bring the rent to \$400. Perisho seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to hold the Public Hearing about the Water Tower Lot will be held on March 9, at 2020 at 7pm, allowing for the Colo-NESCO Bond issue to be voted on by the public. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to approve the Tax Abatement Application from Curt Frohwein at 315 E. Main St. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

The Premier Copier Contract was discussed. There was a question about the equipment we own. Clerk will confirm the answer. It was agreed to add the item to the Special Meeting being held on February 17, 2020 at 7 pm.

Murrell motioned to approve the Right of Way Application from Minerva Valley to install fiber optic wiring in the City. Perisho seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned that the City of Zeoring become officially uninvolved with the direct fundraising efforts for the medical clinic, turning these activities and decisions over to the My NESCO Board. Skinner seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Skinner motioned to place a security light on the back of the building at 110 W. Main St to improve safety and security. Perisho seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Obrecht motioned to include the credit card statements in the council packets. Murrell seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

The discussion of 3 credit cards was started by Obrecht. Clerk Davis expressed her disappointment in councilmember Obrecht that she did not bring this issue directly to City Hall. Clerk Davis admitted her oversight of not ordering an additional credit card for the library but did not appreciate hearing about the issue from the general public instead of Obrecht who discovered the oversight. Clerk Davis had already ordered and received the Library credit card at the time of the meeting.

Obrecht questioned the website work being done. The contract was to overhaul and update the website with a onetime fee of \$250.

Obrecht started a discussion about having a payroll summary placed in council packets. She stated she had sample reports of what she would like to see provided. Clerk Davis asked if the Employee Wage Report provided in the packet was appropriate. Obrecht stated she had a different report in mind. Clerk Davis also provided the entire Payroll binder to Obrecht to review. Obrecht chose to not open the binder. Obrecht motioned to have included in the council packet a payroll summary. This motioned died for lack of a second. Skinner motioned to investigate Payroll Summary reporting options and consult with our legal counsel for their advice. Obrecht seconded the motion. Ayes, Skinner, Perisho, Murrell and Obrecht. Nay, Tisdale. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to not donate to the Colo After PROM based on the recommendation of the State Auditor's Office. Tisdale seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

NESCO Rec Board made a donation request. Based on the State Auditor's recommendations, there was discussion if this would be an appropriate group to be able to make a donation to. The question was raised if the group had insurance last year as they are required to have from the Central Iowa Rec League. Obrecht, a member of the NESCO Rec Board, stated she didn't know if they had insurance last year. Perisho motioned to table the request until the next meeting to be able to talk about long term solutions for the NESCO Rec Board. Skinners seconded the motion. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Abstained: Obrecht. Motion carried.

Superintendent Chitty requested the Council consider buying or leasing a bigger loader for the City. The Council suggested that Chitty research some of the pricing options.

Old Business: Delinquent water bills. 5 accounts have an upcoming shut-off deadline. 5 delinquent letters will be sent this month.

Planning & Zoning – none. Check with the Board to review the Planning and Zoning Ordinances.

Superintendent report: Based on legal advice no report was given.

Clerk Report – Based on legal advice, no report was given.

Mayor Report – Based on legal advice, no report was given. Mayor Appointments were distributed to the Council.

Council Reports – 108 was shown to a local couple that maybe interested in purchase. Meeting was held with Hansen Family Hospital and the NESCO Clinic. The clinic is running smoothly. There may be a need for additional rooms to be added to the building for expansion. The thought of buying a generator from the donation savings account was suggested. School Bond Vote will take place on March 3, 2020.

Dustin Ingram from the Ames Chamber was in attendance and offered any assistance with projects the City is involved in or would like to start.

Special Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7 PM at City Hall.  
Next Regular City Council will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7 PM, at City Hall.

Perisho motioned at 8:59 PM to adjourn meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing

Attested:

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Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa

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

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

Public Hearing was held for the Proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year 2020-2021. With no citizens in attendance, Tisdale motioned to approve the Resolution. Skinner seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes – Skinner, Murrell, Tisdale, Obrecht and Perisho. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve the new contract with Premier for the copiers. Obrecht seconded the motion. Ayes, 5; Nays 0. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned at 7:11 PM to adjourn meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion.

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Sandy Perisho, Mayor Pro-Tempore of Zearing

Attested:

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Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa

