

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

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

Obrecht motioned to approve the agenda. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting. Murrell seconded. Motion carried.

Skinner motioned to pay the claims from January 11 2020 to February 16, 2021. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACTIVE 911, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION	390
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	13.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,931.75
AMY KOHLWES	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	600
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	PUBLIC SAFETY	121.7
BROAD REACH	BOOKS	122.82
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	2,120.85
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.26
CONTROL INSTALLATIONS IA	REPAIRS	168.85
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	146
DES MOINES REGISTER	NEWSPAPER	13.59
FROHWEIN TIRE DIVISION	REPAIRS	993.57
GANNETT	PUBLICATIONS	157.9
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	PARTS	432.07
IA. ASSOC.OF MUN. UTIL.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	617
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	PROPANE	638.4
IMFOA	MEMBERSHIP DUES	50
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	SUPPLIES	103.36
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	1,814.69
IOWA PUMP WORKS	FLOW METER INSTALL	2,061.60
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,835.06
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,186.32
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,741.00
JETCO	FLOW METER INSTALL	3,627.00
KAREN DAVIS	COMPENSATION	550
MARCO	COPIER	478.32
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	INSPECTION	384.55
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	334.29
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	EXAM FEE	1,200.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	250
PORTABLE PROS	PORT A POTTY	200

R.L. GOOD OIL CO.	FUEL	84.39
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	360.83
STERLING FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	EXTINGUISHER INSPECTIONS	130.5
TIM ADAMS	SUBSCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT	177
US BANK	COPIERS	952.2
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	PARTS	6.67
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,771.00
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
WYATT PERISHO TRUCKING	REPAIRS	425
Accounts Payable Total		34,339.04
Payroll Checks		8,681.59
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		43,020.63
GENERAL		24,259.87
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,771.00
WATER		8,139.80
SEWER		8,849.96
TOTAL FUNDS		43,020.63

Sheriff's Report – Reported business as usual. The department is fully staffed and wanted to remind everyone to lock their vehicles. Pointed out trouble areas in the town.

Open Forum – None.

NB: Skinner motioned to approve the Story County Law Enforcement Contract for FY '21-'22. Obrecht seconded the motion. Ayes: Obrecht, Murrell, Skinner and Perisho. Nays: Tisdale. Motion carried.

After discussion, Tisdale motioned to hire Nicole Jeffries for the part time City Clerk position at the wage of \$10.00 per hour, 10 hours per week after training is complete. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to approve Rod Sargent to the Park Board. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to send the tenant at 108A East Main St. a 30-day notice letter, after we have received word from the attorney about the terms and the liability. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to approve the proposed 2% increase in the water, sewer and storm sewer rates effective May 1, 2021. Obrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried. Publishing of the rate increase will be placed in the newsletter, Facebook page and website. A water rate study will be done to assess the possible need for any additional increases.

Absolute Pipe Proposal was discussed. Item will be placed on the March agenda to request letters of reference.

Max Levy Hearing will be set for March 1st.

Two bids were received for the snow pusher. Both parties will be contacted if they would like to re-bid with the highest bid being the new owner.

The topic of Snow removal was discussed at great length. It was agreed to work on the amount of time spent on removal as well as the number of comp hours. Expectations will need to be more clearly defined. Volunteers who are operating equipment will also be asked to provide phone numbers and a copy of their driver's license for insurance purposes.

After discussion of the payment request from Jerry Peck for the derecho in August, Tisdale motioned to deny the payment as it was submitted. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OB: 102 E Main/106 N Center – The 30-day notice ends on February 26th. If no action is taken, the City can proceed with action on March 1st as recommended by the attorney.

Delinquent water bills: 7-8 letters will be sent. They are customers that usually receive letters.

Pearl Street Bridge Update – The bridge will be released for a March 16th bid letting for the project.

Street Light – Information was provided by Alliant with the cost of the light pole replacements. These will need to be reviewed as this will be a costly project. Possible grant options will need to be explored also.

Nuisance Properties Update –Some properties are starting to clean up. The property at 315 N. Elm St. is possibly going to be sold if rezoning is possible.

Planning and Zoning – none

Superintendent report: A quote was received from Cochran Heating and Cooling for the replacement of the furnace in the Superintendent's office for \$2650.00. As it a necessary maintenance item, it was stated to proceed with this replacement. Programable thermostats installed in City Buildings will be provide and energy savings as well as a lock box on the library thermostat. All agreed to proceed forward with this idea.

Clerk Report – Working on paperwork for FEMA. An extension was applied for with the State of Iowa Homeland security for the derecho. There are some grant opportunities are available for trees as well as 2 new grants the Governor just released information about. The DOT will be looking at providing relief funds for road funding in the amount of \$5275.95 for Zearing if approved. programs COVID & the Derecho for reimbursement.

Mayor Report –He encouraged that everyone continues to work together to improve things for the community.

Council Member Reports: Met with Nick Sorensen about the survey results. The possibility of Zearing Days was discussed. A possible meeting will be arranged to discuss this event.

Next regular meeting will be on March 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 9:21 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa

