

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
January 11, 2021**

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

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting. Murrell seconded. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to pay the claims from December 16, 2020 to January 11, 2020, with the corrected claims that remove the December claims. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	25.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,607.38
AMY KOHLWES	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	600
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE	592.58
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	2,233.75
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	FURNACE SERVICING	650
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	188
GEHRKE QUARRIES, INC.	LAGOON ROCK	341.56
GRAY'S PAINTING/TREE SERVICE	DERECHO TREE REMOVAL	136,300.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,448.48
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,636.23
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,555.48
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,831.00
JETCO	LIFT STATION SERVICE	352
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KENNY DAVIS	MAINTENANCE HELP	345
MIDWEST BEEF SYSTEMS	FIRE STATION CEMENT	9,600.00
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	253.31
PORTABLE PROS	PORTA POTTIES	230
RANDY FUNKE	SKID LOADER BUCKET REPAIR	700
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	218.25
STAR EQUIPMENT	SERVICING GEHL	1,250.32
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	SAND/SALT	937.72
TERRI MCLLOUD	LIBRARY REIMBURSEMENT	36.51
TREASURER- STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	1,418.00
U. S. POST OFFICE	PO BOX FEE	46
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER	557.98
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,771.00
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50

Accounts Payable Total		173,890.89
Payroll Checks		6,956.83
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		180,847.72
GENERAL		168,042.75
ROAD USE TAX		937.72
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,771.00
WATER		6,626.24
SEWER		3,470.01
TOTAL FUNDS		180,847.72

Sheriff's Report – none.

Open Forum – None.

NB: Murrell motioned to renew the listing for 108 E Main St for \$180,000.00 and include Lot 12 with the listing. Obrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lot 12 was addressed with the previous motion.

102 E Main and 106 N Center were discussed. Owner stated he was going to be moving January 28, 2020 and donating the property to charity. It was agreed to proceed forward with the attorney recommendations to address the owner and explain his responsibilities.

Special Meeting for the Flood Plain Ordinance Public Hearing was scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Library Board requested that their bills be paid upon receiving them to avoid late fees. The primary bills are: Marco, US Bank, Minerva Valley and Alliant Energy. Skinner motioned to approve the payment of the Library when they are received. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OB: Delinquent water bills: One resident is currently shut off and others have made payment or payment arrangements.

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

Nuisance Properties Update –Some properties are starting to clean up. The property at 315 N. Elm St. is possibly going to be sold and we are awaiting contact about that. Question was asked about the sidewalk that has not been replaced on Center St. This will be placed on the agenda for next meeting to discuss as it will be a spring project.

Planning and Zoning – none

Superintendent report: Repair estimates will be collected from Next Generation for the Pharmacy roof. Will make contact to repair the Line-ex in the pickup. Made a dolly to take the sander in and out of the pickup easier. Flow meter will be installed Jan. 14th. Tyler from Bolton & Menk will be here on the 19th to explain his proposal for GIS mapping of the City infrastructure. Working on Lead and copper listing to send continuation letters. Dump Truck is still at Frohwein's. Starter has been repaired, hydro leak will be fixed, emergency beacon light is being ordered and the battery box cover will be replaced. Plan to replace the two toilets in the restrooms. The air compressor was full of water but has been repaired and new filter. Bulk water tube needs to be shortened. Contact will be made with Sterling Fire about the fire extinguisher inspections.

Clerk Report – Working on paperwork for both FEMA programs COVID & the Derecho for reimbursement.

Mayor Report – Most of the items have been covered during the meeting. Mayor has seen improvement in the communications between himself and council members. He encouraged the continued work to improve things even more.

Council Member Reports: An electronic version of the newsletter was created for January. Nick Sorensen has the survey responses and will create a one/two-page summary of the results. Would like to explore the possibility of re-establishing the Zearing Economic Development Group.

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

Tisdale motioned at 8:14 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa

