

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
ZEARING, IOWA  
May 11, 2023**

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

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023. Perisho seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Murrell motioned to pay the claims from April 12, 2023 to May 11, 2023. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	LAB WORK	251.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,894.27
BEARD CONSTRUCTION LLC	CITY MAINTENANCE SHED	3,548.80
BOLTON & MENK	WATER MAIN PROJECT	289.5
CAPITAL ROOFING/EXTERIOR	108 ROOF REPAIR - 2ND HALF	34,219.73
CARD MEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES	2638.48
CHERYL EDEL	SUPPLIES	19.5
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	3,689.28
EMC INSURANCE COMPANY	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	1,500.00
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	PUBLICATIONS	131.08
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	STREET PATCHES	5,808.90
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	PROPANE	722.06
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	1,731.90
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,616.98
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,221.93
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	5,909.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	350
MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	CONTRACT PAYMENT	9,877.00
MENARDS - AMES	SUPPLIES	280.06
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	CLINIC INSPECTION	152.61
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	316.4
NEWCOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	SOFTWARE LICENSE	700
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	265.53
PORTABLE PROS	PORT A POTTY	90
ROOFING INNOVATIONS, LLC	Storm damage repairs	17,727.72
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	77.16
STAR EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	39.74
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	8,602.44
TRI-COUNTY SERVICES	ANNUAL INSURANCE	63,612
US BANK	COPIER	597.04
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,739.38

WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
Accounts Payable Total		106,534.10
Payroll Checks		6,536.87
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		113,070.97
GENERAL		152,516.56
ROAD USE TAX		5,808.90
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,739.38
WATER		16,782.68
SEWER		2,473.93
TOTAL FUNDS		179,321.45

Sheriff's Report – Reminder to lock your property as more people are out and about. 2 new conservation officers have been hired. Report of a suspicious vehicle has been driving in town.

Open Forum – none.

NB: Good motioned to approve the liquor license for Yoder Enterprises. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the Heritage Room's support of the Jefferson Highway Association coming Zearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Allowing for the parking space closures they may need. Good seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tisdale motioned to hire the 2 people that applied for the summer positions. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Park Board Update was provided by Tanya Nunn and Bret Harris. Topics of conversation were the Dakins Center, stage at the East Park and tree planting issues. Clarification was also made on who was going to be responsible for cleaning the bathrooms and the shelter house. Bill and part-time staff will tend to these.

Perisho made a motion to approve the changing of the publicly open house of City Hall, Closing on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

OB: The City attorney will be providing information for the sale of city alley and lot.

Delinquent water bills, 16 letters will be sent this month. \$10,900.00 for those letters.

Nuisance Properties – City Attorney will resume the condemnation process for N Elm property as well as N Olive. N Pearl property has made progress and will continue in the future.

Insurance update: Major projects are completed and invoices and review of insurance papers will be next.

Planning and Zoning: 1 fence permit and one recommended to Board of Adjustments.

Superintendent report: Water will be painted (inside and outside) mid-July before Zearing Days or early August after Zearing Days. Wall on the Maintenance shop has been repaired. Will be working on repairs to the shelter house to keep out squirrels. Clean-up day clarification.

Clerk Report – Working on the following: Hazard Mitigation for the City, FEMA 2020 documents, SCEDG paperwork, Insurance paperwork, water rate increases, TAC Program Grant, newsletter and Memorial Day Programming.

Mayor Report – Repairs are being made, enjoy seeing the concession stand open at the ballfields and would like to see more people working together in our small town.

Next regular meeting will be on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:48 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 5, Nays 0.

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Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

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Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa