

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
May 11, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Zearing will be holding this city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, before the meeting start time, you must call: Dial-in number (US): (701) 802-5090, Access code: 505133#, International dial-in numbers: <https://fcdl.in/i/zearing>, Online meeting ID: zearing, Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/zearing>, For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Help" to the Dial-In number above. Message and data rates may apply.

7:01 PM Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale, Obrecht. Skinner joined at 7:02pm.

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

Murrell motioned to approve minutes from April 13,2020 regular meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from April 14, 2020 to May 11, 2020. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
1 STOP AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	45.95
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	68.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	3,176.34
AMES TRIBUNE	NEWSPAPER	18.33
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	513.3
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION SERVI	CHILD SUPPORT	572.3
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.08
COLIN CHINERY	FIRE/EMS PHYSICALS	350
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	8,839.00
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	REPAIRS	150
HELGELAND CARPENTRY	REPAIRS	180
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	1,705.66
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,605.90
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,170.24
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,711.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KYLE CHITTY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
MARCO	COPIER	281.16
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK	382.95
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	338.05
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES	14.49
RASMUSSEN CONSTRUCTION LLC	ROCK HAULING	118.09
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	162.41

STAR EQUIPMENT	END LOADER PAYMENT	3,300.00
US BANK	COPIER	1,522.29
WELLMARK BC/BS	INSURANCE	2,514.54
Accounts Payable Total		33,937.83
Payroll Checks		5,108.64
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		39,046.47
GENERAL		24,464.49
ROAD USE TAX		3,300.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		2,514.54
WATER		5,728.86
SEWER		3,038.58
TOTAL FUNDS		39,046.47

Sheriff's Report – none.
Open Forum – none.

NB: Public Hearing for Max Levy Budget Hearing. 7:08pm – Tisdale motioned to approve the resolution for the Max Levy for the FY 2021 Budget. Perisho seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Ayes, Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale, and Obrecht. Nays, 0. Motion carried.

7:08pm. Public Hearing for the FY 2020 Budget Amendments. The amendments were explained. Tisdale motioned to approve the resolution for the FY 2020 Budget Amendments. Murrell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Ayes, Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale, and Obrecht. Nays, 0. Motion carried.

7:11pm. Public Hearing for the Sale of an Alley – Jerry Peck. After discussion about former alley sales or transactions, Peck commented he would like the alley for security and privacy. A permanent easement will be giving for utility access to Alliant Energy. Murrell motioned to sell the alley to Peck for \$1 and Peck will pay all the legal costs for transfer of the alley. Obrecht seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Ayes, Skinner, Murrell, and Obrecht. Nays, Perisho and Tisdale. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to approve the tax abatement application from Gary Hornberg. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Received the IDOT Agreement for the bridge, State now funds 100% of construction costs and the City pays the Engineering costs. Perisho motioned to accept the IDOT Agreement for the Pearl St. Bridge Obrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Engineering Firm – Bolton & Menk. 2 phases of the project. 1st is design at the cost of \$48,090.00. This includes the soil analysis and hydro analysis and DOT bid letting. 2nd is the inspection and oversight at a cost of \$20,800.00. Obrecht asked about a second quote. Perisho disagreed and Obrecht called Perisho's ethics into question. Obrecht then asked other council members for their opinions. Eric from Bolton & Menk said he could look for other firms if the City would like. Perisho motioned to approve the contract with Bolton & Menk for all aspects of the bridge project. Tisdale seconded the motion. Skinner asked how long a second opinion would take, approximately a couple months overall. Bid threshold will not be surpassed. Roll call was taken: Ayes, Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, and Tisdale. Nays, Obrecht. Motion carried.

108 E Main rentals – no update.

Nuisance Properties were discussed. Murrell suggested Reed Trucking needs cleaned up. All nuisance properties need to be addressed. We can mow properties with notice if needed. Council needs to address all

nuisance properties. Francel and Fink were suggested. Council members were asked to bring any properties to the City Clerk, Karen.

There has been possible interest in the commercial lots. Mayor wanted to see if the council had any interest in placing the property up for sale. Tisdale motioned to allow consideration for the sale of 202 W Main & 101 N Pine. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Skinner was wanting to focus on main sidewalks to allow foot traffic to move smoothly. Three sidewalks within the city: 2 City owned sidewalks and one private owned- McCloud's. Possible grants may be available to help with replacement of City sidewalks. Current liability of sidewalks is a concern of course. Bids are necessary for grant applications. Maybe the sidewalks could be looked at by the concrete company doing the fire station. Send McCloud's a letter about their sidewalk replacement.

Perisho motioned to Set Public Hearing Date for FY 2021 Budget on May 25th at 7pm. Roll call was taken: Ayes, Skinner, Perisho, Murrell, Tisdale, and Obrecht. Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Old Business: Delinquent water bills. COVID19 water letters were sent out to 8 customers. This letter notifies the customer of the bill but water will not be shut-off at this time. Once the crisis passes the bill will be come due for payment.

Planning and Zoning – Tisdale motioned to approve Zach Abrams - Pool fence – 306 S Center. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent report: Written report was submitted. Work on raising storm sewer intakes.

Clerk Report – Working on publications, COVID – 19 updates and reports.

Mayor Report – Employee evaluations are coming up next month, please fill out your forms, June 8th. CN School District insert included. While stated last month that Mayor would not apply for grants, even if feeling the chances are not good, Mayor will continue to look for grants and opportunities for betterment. He took an oath of office like everyone and he will fulfill his obligation to the community.

Council member report – Fire station needs outside concrete, but the inside is basically complete. Obrecht requested the newsletter be printed or be placed on the website at the least. Mayor explained due to COVID -19 why the newsletter has not been physically printed. Working towards a newsletter put together for the website.

Special Meeting, Monday, May 25th at 7pm at City Hall.

Next Regular City Council will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7 PM, at City Hall.

Murrell motioned at 8:33 PM to adjourn meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa