

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
September 12, 2022**

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

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

Murrell motioned to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting. Tisdale seconded. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to pay the claims from August 16, 2022 to September 12, 2022. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	26.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	3,248.27
AMES LOCK & SECURITY	EMS LOCK	255
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	BUCKET BROOM	245
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	SUPPLIES	306
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISIONING	STORM SEWER TELEVISIONING	1,200.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	3,106.38
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.26
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	ROADSTONE	504.06
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP.	SHIPPING	100.07
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	3,287.50
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	PARK BREAKER	136.13
DISPLAY SALES	BANNER SUPPLIES	467
GALLS-CARPENTER UNIFORM CO.	UNIFORM	392.27
GATEHOUSE-DB IOWA HOLDINGS	PUBLICATIONS	228.82
GRAY'S PAINTING/TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL	3,750.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,115.10
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	PERMIT	210
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,516.72
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,234.22
JAIME AGUINAGA MONTOYA	WATER DEPOSIT RETURN	100
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	SUPPLIES	234.92
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	770.1
KRISTEN WHEELAND	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND	200
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	AMBULANCE BATTERIES	426.9
MENARDS - AMES	SUPPLIES	1,161.93
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	314.1
MODERN MARKETING	SUPPLIES	323.72
NEVADA JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION	31.2
NEWCOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	SERVICE AGREEMENT	700

SARA ABRAMS	PAINT REIMBURSEMENT	138.01
SOUTH FORK CUSTOM FENCING, LLC	2ND HALF TENNIS COURT	15,250.30
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	204.71
STETSON BUILDING PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	497.25
STORY CO ANIMAL CONTROL	CAT	27.5
US BANK	COPIER	985.33
USA BLUEBOOK	SUPPLIES	87.58
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,778.97
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMURSEMENT	50
Accounts Payable Total		48,759.07
Payroll Checks		12,405.98
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		61,165.05
GENERAL		39,558.70
ROAD USE TAX		5,314.43
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,778.97
WATER		9,557.38
SEWER		3,755.57
STORM SEWER		1,200.00
TOTAL FUNDS		61,165.05

Sheriff's Report – Deputy Shultz was present stating things have been business as usual. There have been promotions, retirement and individuals moving on. There are 2 in the academy and 2 will be attending in January. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department for the ALICE training that was done with the school.

Open Forum – Question was asked about 315 N Elm with Chapter 52.01 & 145 violations. Peck Lawsuit was asked about and the funds being used. Comments were made about the City Budget and the loss of funds from property taxes. Town people need to be involved. Everyone should resign and let someone else run the town. Mayor explained all of these items were on the agenda.

NB: Andy Altenburg from Altenburg Construction was present. Altenburg explained his business as a concrete slat replacement company based out of MN. This will be their 2 location and used for equipment storage to begin with and potentially creating some jobs in Zearing as well. He would like to have an open house in the March 2023. He will also be looking for possible housing solutions for employees in the future as well.

Eric Cowles from Bolton & Menk was present to answer any questions about the Engineering Contract for the City. 20 hours a month at a reduced rate, when no service is required, no bill will be sent. Perisho motioned to approve the Engineering Contract with Bolton & Menk. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PJ McBride and Jean Watts were present to discuss the Heritage Room. McBride would like to see them continue to catalog items and try to bridge the generational gap. Perhaps start scanning old newspapers and doing some type of activity for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Watts would like to see the reduction of duplicate yearbooks and obituaries that are currently in the building.

Budget FY'23. Errors were present in the budget that were fixed, the there is a 10-day notice for public hearing that is to be published in the newspaper. This was not able to be met due to an additional holiday in June. The 10-day notice had to be met so the meeting was held on July 5 and certified to the county. A multitude of questions were asked. Perisho motioned to hold Special Budget Workshop meetings to reduce the budget. Good seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Murrell motioned to hold Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Dakins Community Center from 6pm to 7 pm. Trick or Treat City wide from 6 to 8pm on October 29th. Tisdale second the motion. Motion carried.

Good motioned to approve the Digital Sign Policy and Request Form. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Skinner motioned to send letters to nuisance properties as discussed and identified. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. There will be a conversation with Fire Department for some possible controlled burn options as well.

OB:
Superintendent report: Summer hires are done for the season and worked hard. Will continue work on potholes as we have the materials on hand. Will be flushing of hydrants upcoming. Will be mowing the lane on both sides to the lagoon.

Clerk Report – If you have questions, please come talk to me.

Mayor Report –We would like to learn from our mistakes and move forward.

Council Reports: Perisho would like to hold workshops to review the City Ordinance Book. Would like the Boards to review their sections and make suggestions.

Next regular meeting will be on October 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Murrell motioned at 8:30 PM to adjourn meeting. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa