

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
November 9, 2020**

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

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the 3 Special Meeting minutes as well as the October 12, 2020 minutes. Murrell seconded. Motion carried.

Perisho motioned to pay the claims from October 13, 2020 to November 9, 2020. Obrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
1 STOP AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	21.96
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	442
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,208.99
AMY KOHLWES	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR FEES	232
BOLTEN & MENK	PEARL STREET BRIDGE	19,678.00
CARL BRITTON	LABOR	105
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISIONING	SEWER TELEVISIONING	900
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	1,166.12
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	FIRE DEPT FURNANCE	75
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	373.38
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	329
DUNLAP, JACKIE	SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT	78.6
GANNETT	PUBLICATIONS	154.8
GRAY'S PAINTING/TREE SERVICE	DERECHO TREE REMOVAL	49,900.00
GWORKS	SOFTWARE FEES	2,213.89
HALL BACKHOE & TRENCHING	102 E MAIN DECONSTRUCTION	1,000.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	4,292.56
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	225.5
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,565.46
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	2,725.03
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,821.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	96.77
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	357.45
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	SOFTWARE FEES	1,975.00
NORTHSTAR FISH HATCHERY	DAKINS LAKE FISH	855
PORTABLE PROS	PORTA POTTIES	250
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL #1064	108 PEST CONTROL	150
STAR EQUIPMENT	PARTS	108.86

STETSON BUILDING PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	232.24
US BANK	COPIERS	269.19
WAYNE BLESSING	108 BRICK INSPECTION	40
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,775.56
ZEARING FIRE DEPT.	FIRE CALL FEES	470
Accounts Payable Total		102,203.20
Payroll Checks		3,535.44
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		105,738.64
GENERAL		91,006.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		2,775.56
WATER		8,496.89
SEWER		3,459.59
TOTAL FUNDS		105,738.64

Sheriff's Report – There have been increased burglaries in SW Story County. Reminder to lock cars and property. Newest deputy will be completing the academy soon to have a full force again.

Open Forum – Pat Hornberg asked that her tree be removed instead of being saved in front of her property. This will be discussed as it is an agenda item to make the decision.

NB: Marty Chitty from the Nevada Foundation, presented the Nevada Fieldhouse Project. They are looking for letters of support for the project from Eastern Story County Communities. They would like to request some TIF funds from the Story county Board of Supervisor's to help support the project. Tisdale motioned to draft a letter of support for the project. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Nick Sorensen from the Ames Chamber of Commerce presented the survey that he has created to see what feedback could be given from the community for businesses they would support in the community. The survey would be presented online as well as a paper version. Obrecht motioned to release the survey to get community feedback. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jerry Murrell presented his concerns with Chapter 75 of the Zearing Code of Ordinances. There are more vehicles/devices that are being operated by children under the age of 14. There are devices that are not registered or most likely not insured being operated by children under the age of 14. There are also illegal go-carts being driven on City streets. Murrell, Sr., requested that the City begin enforcing the fines for not following the code. He would also like to see the City request legal vehicles to re-register yearly and provide up-to-date registration as well as abide by the safety flag. Obrecht motioned to notify those in violation by letter to make sure they are aware they are not complying with the City Code. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Murrell motioned to hire Jason Maxwell of JKT to replace the sidewalk in front of City Hall/Food Pantry and the front step of the Food Pantry location. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PJ McBride gave an update on the Heritage Group's activities. Tim Adams built a recreation of the original Zearing Main St. as a train garden. Mr. Adams also created a Veterans Wall display of photos of local Veterans. They would also like to work with the Library to support their Christmas/Santa project anyway that they can as this year will be different. A discussion has been had with some Park Board members about having a Christmas tree in the Pocket Park this year, The Derecho destroyed the pine tree that was once there. The stumps would be the only obstacle if they were to do this activity. The Heritage Room would like to explore the possibilities of a larger space or building. Possibly the Old Brick bar as a possible location.

Perisho motioned to approve the appointment of Jessie Perisho and Nick Sayre to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Perisho motioned to compensate Clerk Karen Davis for the additional duties that she is performing during the absence of a City Superintendent at the rate of \$250 per month. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Tree assessments were discussed. Tisdale motioned that the homeowner can decide if they agree with the assessment, but they should accept liability for saved trees. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Perisho motioned to contact Hall Backhoe and Trenching to remove ash and debris at the City Burn Pile. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OB: Delinquent water bills. Letters will be sent out this month. The Mayor or Tisdale will be able to shut water off at the curb stops if needed.

102/104 W. Main St. – Working with Nick Sorensen to research any possible grants to use for the buildings.

Pearl Street Bridge Update – An easement will be requested from Andy Altenburg for the property on the East side of the bridge during the construction process.

Nuisance Properties Update –315 N. Elm St., R. Reed, D. Francel, J. Samuelson and J. McKinney – contact will be made with the attorney on the next steps to take to clean-up the properties.

Planning and Zoning – Tisdale motioned to approve the fence for Fisher’s at 203 West Cleveland St. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Clerk Report – FEMA paperwork continues. Weekly phone calls to fill out forms will continue until mid-December. Sewer lagoons have been drained for the season. DNR testing and reports are up-to-date. Superintendent Job has been reposted with a closing date of November 23rd. The following repairs have also been done: Gator drive shaft, flow meter at the lift station, handicap door/button on the Pharmacy building and CIT has been contacted to clean the lift station pits as well as clean the trap.

Mayor Report – The job offer presented to R. Sargent was declined, so the job will be reposted. CIT will be planning to clean the lift station filters and the pit itself.

Council Member Reports – Perisho motioned to have the asking price at 108 E. Main will be lowered to \$180,000.00 from \$190,000.00. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Wayne Blessing will be doing the repair to the bricks inside 108 E. Main St.

Next regular meeting will be on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Perisho motioned at 8:27 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zeoring, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zeoring, Iowa