

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
ZEARING, IOWA  
October 11, 2022**

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

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

Skinner motioned to approve the minutes from the August and September Meetings with the following corrections: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm and Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> requires the addition of Motion Carried after the vote to come out of closed session. Persiho seconded. Motion carried.

Skinner motioned to pay the claims from September 13, 2022 to October 10, 2022. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
1 STOP AUTO PARTS	PARTS	14.08
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	LAB WORK	239.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,998.78
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	PUBLIC SAFETY	157.76
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	3,263.32
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	PARTS	312.25
GRAY'S PAINTING/TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL - AUGUST STORM	22,550.00
INTEGRITY COMPUTER SERVICES	COMPUTER REPAIR	60
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,061.85
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,653.28
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,250.07
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	5,421.00
KAREN DAVIS	CELL PHONE	50
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	312.97
PORTABLE PROS	KYBO AT SPORTS FIELD	115
ROOFING INNOVATIONS, LLC	DOWN PAYMENT FOR 2 ROOFS	8,384.78
SARA ABRAMS	LIBRARY REIMBURSEMENT	256.79
SOUTH FORK CUSTOM FENCING, LLC	HALF CHAIN LINK FENCE	3,620.00
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	2ND QUARTER PAYMENT	8,602.44
TREASURER- STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	785
US BANK	COPIER	761.48
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,739.38
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL PHONE	50
ZEARING FIRE DEPT.	ROLL AND FIRE CALLS	434
Accounts Payable Total		67,158.32
Payroll Checks		7,838.07
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		74,996.39
GENERAL		63,849.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,739.38

WATER		6,520.96
SEWER		2,886.45
TOTAL FUNDS		74,996.39

Sheriff's Report – Deputy Shultz informed that a new deputy has been hired and that things have been business as usual.

Open Forum – Dick Schnormeier was thankful that the website was updated but had some confusion about the August meeting. August meeting was delayed due to the clerk having Covid and then delayed due to the August 11, 2022 hail storm. Schnormeier then commented about a situation between the mayor's wife, Tammy, and Peggy Obrecht. Obrecht then chose to share her opinion of the interaction between herself and Tammy Reed. Julie Jefferies made a request to get back to City business. Jeffries then took the opportunity to speak to her neighbors directly about the nuisance issues in their yard. Jim Womeldorff then asked about patch at the end of his driveway and about what an outlot is on the North side of his property. Kevin Schlesky cited Iowa Code 66 B with concerns about Dick Schnormeier and Ron Stuart lobbying to assist Jerry Peck. Peggy Stuart addressed the issue of their property and wanting to ask for assistance to help get the property back in shape. Sherrie Womeldorff asked about the nuisance property at 315 N Elm St. The property has been sold on tax sale, so checks will have to be made as to what we can do with the property. Diane Pascuzzi commented that there were not late budgets with the old city clerk. She stated water bills have been estimated for 5 or more months and that she thinks an audit is needed. Jim Womeldorff then asked if the amount of delinquent water bills can be disclosed. Martin Herr then asked if the Council discussed the delinquent water bills as he has not seen it on the agenda.

NB: Greg Picklap will attend the November meeting due to the meeting's date change.

Stuart Nuisance property was discussed. Ron has been working on cleaning since June. He feels since he has moved to town that he has received threats and harassment from council members and citizens. He could use help instead of threats. Time will be given to allow him to continue with his clean up.

Skinner motioned to post the job position for a consultant for the city clerk. This position would be for 6 – 12 months and require prior experience with budget reports, accounting, open meeting laws and municipal code. Good seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Skinner and the city clerk will collaborate on the posting as he has some items currently prepared.

Removal of Signs in town were discussed. These signs do not comply with the City Ordinance. They were removed by an individual but they will not be allowed to be replaced. The ordinance was shared with Peggy Obrecht who put up the signs originally.

After discussion about the installation of a 6" water main on South Pearl St. to loop and provide water to businesses under construction, it was requested to look into a second estimate from another company as well.

Perisho motioned to accept the resignations from 3 Planning and Zoning members: Jessica Perisho, Nick Sayre and Cheyenne Berry. Their letters were read. Good seconded the motion. Ayes: Skinner, Perisho, Murrell and Good. Nay: Tisdale. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was had about the removal of Dick Schnormeier and Ron Stuart from Planning and Zoning. While a motion and second were made for removal, it was decided that it would be put on next month's meeting agenda for action.

OB: Planning and Zoning – Schnormeier stated there were not building permits.

Superintendent report: Watering tree. Working on Fall maintenance and getting supplies ready for winter such as sand and salt as well as ice melt. Working on getting the natural gas set-up at the maintenance shop. Working on the lagoon draw down, South Pearl St. water main, street patching before winter. The fire hydrant by the fire station will need to be monitored to make sure it is shut off.

Clerk Report – Computer has been fixed and the programs are working again. A clerk mentor has been found through the League of Cities. Work will begin with the software programs to work on a couple issues. A financial/city administrator has reached out and offered his assistance as well.

Mayor Report – Thanked everyone for their understanding as the meeting day was moved back by one day due to the death of a Colo-NESCO student on Monday morning before school.

Council Reports: Thank you was given to the Park Board and the individuals that helped plant trees in the park. Greg Picklap has provided Skinner a grant possibility for Zearing Days. Ice derby is being planned for Sat., Feb. 11, 2023. The fish have been tagged for the event. Next Budget workshop was discussed with a date of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> discussed. Contact with department heads will be made and a time and date will be set.

Next regular meeting will be on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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

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Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

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Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa