

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
October 12, 2020**

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

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 31, 2020. Skinner seconded. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from September 15, 2020 to October 12, 2020. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
1 STOP AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	11.97
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,267.14
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC.	SUPPLIES	854.63
BOLTEN & MENK	PEARL STREET BRIDGE	10,652.50
BOUND TREE MEDICAL,LLC.	PUBLIC SAFETY	86.49
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISION	SEWER TELEVISION	639
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	4,121.13
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION SERVI	CHILD SUPPORT	572.3
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	97.08
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	137.58
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	193
DICK SCHNORMEIER	SUPPLIES	98.23
FOLLETT SOFTWARE CO.	SOFTWARE	1,042.50
FREIBERG FARM	DERECHO STORM	7,000.00
GANNETT	PUBLICATIONS	261.1
HELGELAND CARPENTRY	DERECHO REPAIRS	1,165.70
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	158.9
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,491.32
JERRY PECK	DERECHO EXPENSE	163.95
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,876.00
JIM WILSON	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND	115.75
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	PARTS	36.21
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	0.5
KYLE CHITTY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
MARCO	COPIER	241.26
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	BATTERY	185.95
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	340.75

MPLC	MOVIE LICENSE	122.68
NEVADA JOURNAL	NEWSPAPER	46
PORTABLE PROS	PORT A POTTY	85
R.L.GOOD OIL CO.	SUPPLIES	382.44
RACOM CORPORATION	RADIO EQUIPMENT	10,042.13
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	22.43
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	LAW ENFORCEMENT	8,605.01
US BANK	LIBRARY/CITY HALL COPIER	1,528.85
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	455.58
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,567.65
WYATT PERISHO TRUCKING	WELDING	75
Accounts Payable Total		62,887.71
Payroll Checks		7,782.78
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		70,670.49
GENERAL		59,461.64
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		2,567.65
WATER		5,999.67
SEWER		2,641.53
TOTAL FUNDS		70,670.49

Sheriff's Report – none.

Open Forum – Julie Jeffries expressed her concerns about the hanger limbs that are still remaining in her tree. School Superintendent Jim Walker explained that Pitt Tree Service will be removing the trees from the school property within the next 2 weeks. Baseball field fences will be repaired as well. October 22nd bids will open for the next phase of the project for the Zearing and Colo sites. The School District is thankful for the donation of the Water Tower lot to the school district for its use during the construction process. Enrollment for the District is down 20 students. This is due to the graduating class and the incoming kindergarten class, as well as home schooling. 26 students are also online this year due to COVID. They have had their first positive case, that is not a student. The school believes they have found the sewer lateral from the old building.

Judy White-Rose asked if the One Stop Shop would be allowed to continue due to the virus. The feeling was that if it is felt safe, it could be allowed to continue. Dick Schnormeier asked about the property at 315 North Elm and the possibility to rezone the property. Carl Britten has been helping with the repairs of the sidewalks and Schnormeier suggested that perhaps Britten could be paid.

Zac Abrams was thankful for the Facebook updates during the Derecho. Appreciates that the Code of Ordinances is available on the City website. Requested the consideration of placing agendas and the meeting minutes on the website as well.

NB: Nick Sorensen from the Ames Chamber of Commerce introduced himself as the small community liaison for the City. Sorensen shared his background and willingness to help the city with any projects that arise. He will help with the planning of a Building Inspector.

An Economic Development Survey was discussed to determine the needs of the community. Nick Sorensen will help develop a survey.

Mayor Reed presented his new Mayor Appointments.

102 E Main was discussed. A nuisance letter will be sent detailing what the property owner will need to do to clean up the property. This will be sent to the Trustee as well.

Flood Plain ordinance changes will be taking place.

City Burn Pile may need to be redone.

An Arborist from Hardin County that works for the DNR as a Forestry Inspector will access some of the trees in town for a review of removal.

Perisho motioned to hire a yearly pest inspection of City owned buildings. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City newsletter was discussed. A digital version was discussed as well as asking for volunteers to produce the newsletter and possibly assemble it. Perhaps talk to Superintendent Walker to see if it could be a student project.

Derecho update – we are awaiting the adjustors report.

108 E Main has been shown recently and there may be potential interest in purchase.

Insurance coverage for the City's damaged properties were discussed. With our the adjustor's report, we are unsure if there is anything that won't be covered. Preliminary policy review lists all damage as being covered.

Park Board is starting to make plans for repairs to the Derecho damaged areas as well as getting bids for the South Park restroom.

Temporary community help has stepped forward during the interim time without a City Superintendent.

October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm was decided to be the date to hold City Superintendent interviews.

OB: Delinquent water bills. 6 letters will be sent out this month.

City Sidewalks – 102/104 sidewalks are being repaired so they can be reopened for pedestrians.

102/104 W. Main St. – No update at this time.

Pearl Street Bridge Update – DNR application for work in the Flood Plain have been filed. The bridge construction will have to be a slab bridge due to the hydraulic tests that were conducted.

Nuisance Properties Update –The property at 315 N. Elm St. – contact the attorney to do the follow-up.

Planning and Zoning – Tisdale motioned to approve the Garage for Cochran at 304 North St. Motion died for the lack of a second. Skinner recommended the permit be forwarded to the Board of Adjustments. P&Z should consider amending the code.

Superintendent report: none

Clerk Report – Working on paperwork for both FEMA programs COVID & the Derecho for reimbursement. Continuing to look for tree grants. ITC Midwest has donated \$500 for the tree replacement in the park. Applied for energy reimbursement through IEDA. Working on communicating with the property owner at 102 E Main to assist with abating the property.

Mayor Report – Mayor Reed shared the discovery of a 15' void under the sidewalk between City Hall and the Food Pantry. The basement door of the food pantry will also needed to be sealed.

Council member report – Perisho explained the deteriorating brick that has been found at 108 E Main and Wayne Blessings has examined them. He suggests that some need to be replaced and all will need to be sealed.

Special Closed Session Meeting will be held on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Next regular meeting will be on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 8:49 PM to adjourn meeting. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa