

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
ZEARING, IOWA
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

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

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda. Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023, meeting. Good seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from September 12, 2023, to October 9, 2023, with Farmtek invoice removed. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	LAB WORK	761
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,962.22
BEARD CONSTRUCTION LLC	HERITAGE BASEMENT DOOR	992.25
BOLTON & MENK	NORTH PEARL ENGINEERING	5,181.00
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	64.84
COCHRAN HTG & CLG	MED CLINIC A/C	150
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WATER MAIN PARTS	4,682.96
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	197.36
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL	1,700.00
DRAINTECH	NORTH PEARL WATER MAIN	1,072.50
EAST/WEST BOOKS	BOOKS	77.45
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	PUBLICATIONS	364.6
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	1,723.84
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	17.1
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,577.60
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	RADIO SUBSCRIBER FEES	4,397.65
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,255.03
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	PARTS	890.6
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	BOOKS	258.44
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KATHY TISDALE	MAIN ST. FLOWERS	87.66
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	101.85
KS STATEBANK	GEHL LEASE	3,000.00
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	344.27
OVERDRIVE, INC.	BOOKS	410.88
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	55.67
PORTABLE PROS	PORT A POTTY	180
PRUDENTERRA	MAINTENANCE REVIEW	806.85
R.L. GOOD OIL CO.	FUEL	101.98
RACOM CORPORATION	FIRE RADIO FEES	1,982.88

STORY COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	4,132.00
TREASURER- STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	482.15
U. S. POST OFFICE	STAMPS	132
US BANK	COPIER	653.66
VINCENT TRUCKING	ROCK	383.25
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,795.20
WILLIAM BLACK	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	89.96
ZEARING FIRE DEPT.	FIRE CALLS	487
Accounts Payable Total		47,011.53
Payroll Checks		6,608.77
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		52,262.47
GENERAL		27,0219.57
ROAD USE TAX		1,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,795.20
WATER		19,016.89
SEWER		3,428.81
TOTAL FUNDS		52,262.47

Sheriff's Report: Couple of suspicious calls in town, no other issues.

Open Forum: Cornelius – COVID funds, Schlesky – Permit at N Ash and N Elm St.

NB: Good motioned to approve the Tax Abatement Application for Tony Hoskins. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

Good motioned to approve Dre Hill to the Park Board. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

OB: Delinquent water bills. 9 Letters will be sent. Amount due is \$17K.

Nuisance Properties – N Elm property and N Olive property are being addressed by the City Attorney. Tisdale asked what 2 council members decided arrangements with property owner at 317 N Pearl.

Superintendent report – Sewer tie in is completed at Cheville's property. Concrete work will be completed to fill in the holes from the water main installation. Storm Sewer repair from the corner of Mains to the creek will cost \$29K. Winter maintenance prep has begun. Parks have been winterized. Lead and copper inventory is being collected.

Clerk Report – Council/Mayor Forum will be held Oct. 11th from 7pm to 9pm. ARPA funding amendment will be on the BOS agenda for 10/10/23. The computer has been ordered. One item is left to be completed for insurance. Working with new IA Homeland Security person to complete FEMA. Have been working with the Auditors for their additional requests. Part time employee has started. Ordinance for outside yard meters is with the attorney for processing.

Working with Greg Piklapp to amend the Story County ARPA funds. Working on the last 2 insurance items from the August 11, 2022 storm. Communicating with IAHLs to finish FEMA from 2020. Worked with the Library to finally finish the copier contract issues.

Mayor Report – Thank you to Al and Cindy Webb for the purchase of 2 properties and all of the improvements/clean-up that has taken place. Hwy 65 property is an eyesore. Will contact the County again to see what can be done.

Council Reports – Skinner will be working with the DNR to tag fish for the ice derby. Fire Safety will be completed at the elementary school on Oct 11th and 13th.

Next regular meeting will be on Nov. 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:45pm to adjourn. Good seconded. Motion carried, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent: Murrell.

Tim Reed, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Karen Davis, City Clerk of Zearing, Iowa