

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
ZEARING, IOWA  
September 14, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Zearing will be holding this city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, before the meeting start time, you must call: Dial-in number (US): (701) 802-5090, Access code: 505133#, International dial-in numbers: <https://fcdl.in/i/zearing>, Online meeting ID: zearing, Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/zearing>, For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Help" to the Dial-In number above. Message and data rates may apply.

6:00 PM Mayor Reed called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Tisdale, Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho and Skinner.

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

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

Tisdale motioned to pay the claims from August 10, 2020 to September 14, 2020. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	171
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC	2,870.10
BOLTEN & MENK	PEARL ST BRIDGE	5,952.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	DERECHO RENTAL	1,692.38
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	SUPPLIES	843.4
CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES	2142.89
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION SERVI	CHILD SUPPORT	858.45
ZEARING, CITY OF	ADDL HEALTH DED	145.62
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	438
DAVISBROWN LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	936
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	DERECHO REPAIRS	210
GANNETT	PUBLICATIONS	207.43
HALL BACKHOE & TRENCHING	STORM SEWER	631.25
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	SUPPLIES	30.88
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	1,864.16
IOWA DOT	SUPPLIES	99.72
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING	441
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	54.9
IOWA PUMP WORKS	LIFT STATION REPAIRS	4,877.72
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,569.72
I P E R S COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,223.08
JERRY JOHNSON	DERECHO DIESEL FUEL	1,322.00
JERRY PECK	DERECHO REIMBURSEMENT	2,446.53

BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	4,841.00
JULIE JEFFRIES	DERECHO REIMBURSEMENT	178.7
KAREN DAVIS	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
KEY COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	21.75
KS STATEBANK	GEHL LOADER LEASE	3,000.00
KYLE CHITTY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	50
MARCO	COPIER	447.43
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	SUPPLIES	264.28
MENARDS - AMES	SUPPLIES	514.3
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	287.98
MOMAR	LAGOON SUPPLIES	5,231.24
NICHOLAS TREMAIN	WATER BILL REIMBURSEMENT	83.93
OVERDRIVE, INC.	AUDIO	337.72
PORTABLE PROS	PORTA POTTY	85
R.L. GOOD OIL CO.	STORM SUPPLIES	266.93
RASMUSSEN CONSTRUCTION LLC	ROCK HAULING	121.31
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	257.55
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	AUDIO BOOKS	120.24
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	798
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	90
TIM ADAMS	SUPPLIES	282.73
US BANK	COPIERS	951.2
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	455.58
WELLMARK BC/BS	INSURANCE	2,462.94
WHEELER AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	55.95
ZIEGLER, INC	DERECHO RENTAL	2,547.65
Accounts Payable Total		55,688.75
Payroll Checks		8,892.38
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		66,724.02
GENERAL		38,423.64
ROAD USE TAX		1,780.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		2,462.94
WATER		9,658.30
SEWER		13,767.29
STORM SEWER		631.25
TOTAL FUNDS		66,724.02

Sheriff's Report – none.

Open Forum – Andy Altenburg, owner of Altenburg Construction, introduced himself and he plans that he has for the property at 202 E. Grant. He plans to replace the building and rebuild and bring a business to Zearing.

NB: Public hearing was opened at 6:10 pm for the Resolution to Approve the Conveyance of Real Estate. With no one expressing any concerns, the Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm. Perisho motioned to approve Resolution 2020-914 approving the conveyance of Real Estate to Minerva Valley Telephone Company. Skinner seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes- Skinner, Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho and Skinner. Tisdale abstained. Motion carried.

Obrecht motioned to have Halloween Trick or Treat night on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm. Due to COVID-19, each individual can choose if they would like to participate or not. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tisdale motioned to give the Mayor the ability to negotiate the purchase of 102 E. Main St. with a limit of \$7000.00. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Each Council member was given the new Flood Plain Ordinance that is suggested by the Iowa DNR to maintain the ability to purchase flood plain insurance.

The discussion of the City Insurance on vehicles was discussed. All vehicles can only be used for City business. They must remain on City property for insurance reasons and must only have employee occupants unless conducting City business with company representative. Some of these things were discuss with our insurance agent after the storm and need to be followed for the City's protection.

The City burn pile was discussed. Tree debris now needs to be taken to the City burn pile to allow for clean up of the sight used after the storm. It is requested to not take whole trees to the site and keep the trees a manageable size to allow for the ability to push the pile together.

Perisho motioned to start a work order system that would allow for communication with the Council members and employees and help with efficiency. The Click-up program was a suggested idea. Obrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tanya Nunn from the Park Board was present to update the Council on plans for the trees in the parks. The park and the Dakins Center will be assessed by the adjustor. Plans are being worked on for the South Park restroom. It was agreed to have a handicap port a potty placed at the East Park due to the damage to the restroom. The Library Board is currently working on plans to re-open with COVID restrictions in place.

A plan was discussed as to the trees that are in the City right of way that were damaged in the storm. There are several trees that have large limbs hanging in them that are in need of immediate removal due to the danger they present. It was also discussed to mark trees that are felt needed trimmed or removed. Tanya Nunn and Mayor Reed were willing to help with this.

City Newsletter was talked about. Due to COVID it hasn't been a responsible choice to ask people to fold the newsletter. The discussion leaned to an electronic version on the website or a version that could also be emailed to individuals. It was suggested to see if there could possibly be high school student involvement for this as well.

Deputy Schultz joined the meeting. Some of the speeding issues and locations were shared. Deputy Schultz will pass these along to Patrol so they are aware as well.

The whole City Ordinance book has been placed on the City website for the citizens to review.

Old Business: Delinquent water bills. 12 water letters were sent out this month, the storm is the explanation for the larger number of letters.

City Sidewalks – 102/104 sidewalks have had supplies ordered to do a temporary fix to keep them open. McLoud's sidewalk was discussed and an additional notice will be sent.

Perisho motioned to accept a bid from Helgeland Carpentry for \$480.00 to fix some of the falling debris on 102/104 W. Main St. Obrecht seconded the motion. Ayes – Murrell, Obrecht, Perisho and Skinner. Nay – Tisdale. Motion carried.

Pearl Street Bridge Update – No update at this time.

Nuisance Properties Update – Murrell motioned to pursue a follow up with the property at 315 N. Elm St. Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent report: Chitty has been working at the lagoons and doing testing. Working on trying to catch up after the storm. Central Iowa Televising was asked to televise a sewer line to find the lateral from the demolished old school. It was discovered that there is a blockage and the lateral has not been found yet at this time. An estimate of \$6000.00 would be what it would cost for the repair. Chitty was asked who would be responsible for the bill. He would speak with the School for that answer.

Clerk Report – Insurance claim has been filed and awaiting an adjustor. Begun the paperwork for both FEMA programs. One is for COVID expense reimbursement and the other is the Derecho reimbursement. Have begun looking into tree grants for replacement as well as looking to have the dangerous hangers out of trees removed as soon as possible. Trying to continue to catch after the storm.

Mayor Report – Mayor Reed would like everyone to be on the same page with information. Please feel free to call and share information.

Council member report – Obrecht thanked Reed for accepting the Mayor position. Obrecht also thanked Clerk Davis for keeping things going during the storm. All Council members agreed that yards are looking good and that the volunteers that stepped forward did an excellent job. The meals at the Dakins Center all made by volunteers and the donations from Hansen Family Hospital and the Oil Press helped with meals. Over all tremendous Thank you was expressed for everyone who pulled together and helped after the storm.

Next regular meeting will be on October 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:39 PM to adjourn meeting. Perisho 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