

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA  
OCTOBER 20, 2025**

7:03pm Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good.

Good motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendment: move new business item #11 Superintendent review to after the Council Member’s Report, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes of the 9.08.25 regular meeting, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes of the 9.22.25 special meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the claims totaling \$177,090.45, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

<b>CLAIMS REPORT 10.13.25</b>		
<b>VENDOR</b>		
ABSOLUTE PIPE	SEWER CLEANING	41,844.00
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	183.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	3,079.02
AMY WOMELDORFF	MILEAGE	25.20
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/TRAINING/POSTAGE	331.77
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	686.71
SOLID WASTE	POSTAGE	49.81
PUBLIC WORKS	CITY FUEL/SUPPLIES	310.07
WATER	POSTAGE/TRAINING/SUPPLIES	384.76
SEWER	POSTAGE	49.82
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	3,758.50
DDM ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	890.88
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	SEPTEMBER PUBLICATIONS	258.09
HILL’S BACKHOE & TILING	N ELM/W CLEVELAND WATER MAIN	59,962.27
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,781.66
IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY	PA4557 PW404 FEMA REPAYMENT	19,972.49
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	FY26 RADIO SUBSCRIBER FEES	5,130.59
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,395.18
J&T PLUMBING & HEATING	PARK RESTROOM ADA RENO	5,980.15
JERRY’S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	7,130.50
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	MOWER SERVICING	343.13
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	437.84
MICHAEL PAISLEY	EMS TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	999.50
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TV	354.28
PLUNKETT’S PEST CONTROL	SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICES	418.27
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	2 <sup>ND</sup> QTR SHERIFF CONTRACT	9,263.76
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE – LIBRARY	574.68

XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	91.47
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>170,155.63</b>
PAYROLL	9.17.25	3,588.59
PAYROLL	10.01.25	3,346.23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,934.82</b>
<b>EXPENSES BY FUND</b>		
GENERAL		65,328.01
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		574.68
WATER		66,902.50
SEWER		44,285.26
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>177,090.45</b>

Sheriff's report: The sheriff's deputy was present but didn't have anything to report.

Open Forum: Rose-White needs to step away from doing the welcome baskets. Schnormeier asked if any of the council members have job shadowed the city guy, some had, some had not.

At 7:12pm Mayor Herr opened the public hearing to discuss and receive objections to the proposed franchise agreements with Alliant Energy. The proposed agreements would amend previous franchise fee ordinances 152 and 153, no longer in effect, bringing them back into effect. Ordinance 180 would impose a 3% fee on electricity and ordinance 181 would impose a 3% fee on natural gas. If/when these go into effect the 1% local option tax that is currently charged would no longer be charged.

The revenue purpose resolution will outline how these revenues can be used and the city plans on using revenue from this fee to cover much of the cost of the contract we have with the sheriff's department for law enforcement each year. This will in turn free up other funding for other much needed work to be done around town. A few dollars a month per home will have a big impact on the community.

A single petition with 18 signatures was presented opposing the franchise agreement. Only one of those people was present at the public hearing. The petition will be submitted to the Story County Auditor to check if it is valid and will be sufficient to force a public vote to approve this measure. While the petition will be checked into, the council will continue with the process of passing the franchise fee.

At 7:42 Tisdale motioned to close the public hearing, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve Resolution #2025-1020 Approving & Adopting Revenue Purpose Statement. Good motioned to amend Resolution #2025-1020 by striking sections h. & i., Pascuzzi seconded the motion to amend. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good. Nays: none.

Good motioned to approve resolution #2025-1020 Approving & Adopting Revenue Statement, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good. Nays: none.

Tisdale motioned to give Ordinance #180, an ordinance amending by modifying provisions of ordinance 152, the City of Zearing electric franchise, relating to franchise fees, it's first reading. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Ayes: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good. Nays: none.

Perisho motioned to give Ordinance #181, an ordinance amending by modifying provisions of ordinance 153, the City of Zearing natural gas franchise, relating to franchise fees, it's first reading. Pascuzzi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Ayes: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good. Nays: none.

Marlin Beard gave an update on the park project. Everything is moving along. Adjustments were made when pouring the sidewalk to ensure ADA compliance. The partitions for the restrooms should arrive within a few weeks. The budget is right in line with what was projected. The shelter kitchen should be started about Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The park board had some tree maintenance done at the park by Prudenterra. An additional estimate was submitted to cut down and re-plant eight trees. The council discussed and does not see the benefit of working with Prudenterra. Many of the trees that we have are too close together and could be moved to make mowing easier. Perisho motioned to not do any more work with Prudenterra. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Good motioned to approve Ebrock Enterprises liquor license renewal. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the city paying half of the FY26 radio subscriber fees for the fire department and EMS with the fire department paying the other half. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

A wood and glass display case has been given to the city that the post office has approved to be hung there. City postings can be put inside this and this will help prevent them from disappearing from the bulletin board. Perisho motioned to have this hung and used for our post office postings. Tisdale seconded this motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The clerk did not go on the city's insurance when she was hired, but is looking at possibly going on the plan now. Good motioned to allow her to do so and the city will pay for her insurance. Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

All but one delinquent accounts paid up last month and there are three set to receive disconnection letters this month.

There have been no nuisance properties turned in.

Superintendent's report: He has been repairing pot holes, ordered/received ice melt, double checked to ensure the CCR report is hung at city hall, the post office, and website, inventoried W Cleveland water main project supplies, took the IAWWA fall short course, recovered the lost arc and electronic mapping lost during the derecho and now we are updating, 10 811 updates, patched restroom walls, replaced Dakins lights, all but campground meters are reading, quarterly lagoon labs, received/reviewed city's new water operation permit, fall drawdown transfer to start next week.

Clerk's report: She just attended fall clerks school, applied for the Aureon grant application to help towards the park renovation, bank reconciliations, and also sorted out a few issues with water accounts.

Mayor's report: He has had to be gone a lot recently and is having to lean on the council and those around him. We will keep moving forward.

Council Member's report: no one had anything to report.

Superintendent's Review: OPEN SESSION – The council discussed his performance. Some focused on the probationary period of the last two months, others on the last few years. Perisho had positive feedback from working with him over the last several months. Tisdale cited unauthorized spending and other ongoing issues as negative feedback. Tisdale motioned to terminate Superintendent Black. Good seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Ayes: Johnson, Tisdale, Good. Nays: Pascuzzi, Perisho. Motion carried 3-2.

Next regular meeting is Monday November 10, 2025 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

8:37pm Good motioned to adjourn. Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

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Attested: Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk