

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL  
DAKINS COMMUNITY CENTER, ZEARING, IOWA  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

7:00 PM Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Perisho, Tisdale, and Good. Absent: None.

Motion by Tisdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Perisho, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to approve the September minutes missing from the October meeting packet. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale to approve the October minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Johnson asked why there are several payments to both the IRS and the State of Iowa on the bank statement. Mayor Herr explained the City is behind on tax payments and is working on getting caught up. Motion by Tisdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pascuzzi to approve the claims totaling \$46,815.19. Motion carried 5-0.

<b>CLAIMS REPORT</b>		
<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	LAB WORK	110.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	2,140.64
CHASE VISA		
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVD/PROGRAM	793.31
CITY HALL	REGISTRATION/SUPPLIES	366.81
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL	110.79
WATER	POSTAGE	55.13
SEWER	POSTAGE	55.12
CITY OF AMES	SOLID WASTE 2 <sup>ND</sup> HALF PAYMENT	2,772.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	3,217.49
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL SERVICES	6,758.53
FOLLETT SOFTWARE CO.	LIBRARY ANNUAL SERVICE RENEWAL	1,354.20
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAXES	2,901.42
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC.	93,000 GALLONS OF WATER	3,760.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	DUES FOR SAP<1,000	305.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	2,076.39
BAILEY SERVICE, LLC	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,808.50
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	LIBRARY BOOKS	258.44
K & K PRODUCTS	FIRE RESCUE SUIT	850.00
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	REPLACE HYDROBOOST '12 2500	669.06
MEDARD'S – AMES	MICROWAVE/TRICK-OR-TREAT CANDY	118.82
MICKEY CURRAN	HALLOWEEN PROGRAM SUPPLIES	67.44
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	352.88
MODERN MARKETING	ZEARING DAYS PARADE	127.75
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	ANNUAL SENSUS SUPPORT	2,476.36
SHAY SPENCER	LIBRARY MOVIES	44.55
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	TRIP CHARGES	122.50

VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	MOWER PARTS	45.08
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE 11/2024	158.12
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	AUGUST	322.08
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>39,198.68</b>
PAYROLL	10.16.24	3,634.26
PAYROLL	10.30.24	3,982.25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>46,815.19</b>
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		34,962.30
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		158.12
WATER		9,401.97
SEWER		2,292.80
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>46,815.19</b>

The Sheriff had nothing new to report, but several residents spoke up about seeing a reckless driver making people uncomfortable.

New Business: Reclaiming our water tower. When we gave the school the water tower lot, the motion was to only give them the lot west of the water tower, but somehow the whole lot was given to them. Motion by Good, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to have a survey done, at the shared expense of the City and school, and divide the lot with the school so we own the water tower and the school owns their parking lot. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was had on how we have already signed a contract to update our Code of Ordinances but have not completed the deal. It does not include all the things we need to update but is a start to the process. Motion by Tisdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perisho to revive our contract previously signed in 2019 with Iowa Codification to update our Code of Ordinances. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was had on several water bills of accounts of people who have moved away but have not paid their balance and if we should take them to small claims. Council members agreed to try sending certified letters to elicit payment before going the route of small claims.

Old Business: Delinquent water bills are at about \$6500 and disconnect notices have been mailed out.

Nuisance Properties: Two properties have been brought up to the city: 118 E. Main St. for junk and junk cars and 102 E. Custer St. for four junk cars. Council agreed that nuisance abatement letters should be sent out to both addresses, explaining the complaints and giving them a timeline to make the necessary changes. Mayor Herr reminded those in attendance that they need to bring up other properties before the meeting if they feel there are other properties in town that need to be addressed.

Superintendent report: Finished the lagoon draw down today, will be starting to switch and transfer the main pond to the secondary pond tomorrow. I have the meter repair list down to three. The parks/ball field/cemetery all are winterized. I am sending out lead/copper survey notices this week. As for training; completed DNR water operator renewal and CE class and have three classes scheduled from December.

Clerk report: I'm continuing Gworks training, filing taxes, planning out due date schedules, preparing for an IPERS audit, Also, signed up for a Budget workshop in a couple weeks.

Mayor report: Accepted the clinic remodel grant from Story County Foundation to increase the number of exam rooms at the clinic. Looking into other grant/money raising options to combine with the grant we just received for the clinic remodel. Also, we got approved the \$80,000 community betterment grant for the park shelter project to start next August.

Council member report: Despite technical issues the election went well on our end. It's nice to see some buildings going up in the community.

Next regular meeting Monday December 9, 2024 at 7PM at City Hall

Good motioned at 7:53 pm to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tisdale. Motion passes 5-0.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk