

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
MAY 11, 2026**

7:00pm Mayor Beard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Present: Pascuzzi, Adams, Perisho, Johnson. Absent: Hill.

Perisho motioned to approve the agenda, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held 4.13.26, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to approve the minutes from the special meeting held 4.20.26 (public hearing regarding the budget for FY27), Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Pascuzzi motion to approve the claims totaling \$62,142.14, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS REPORT 5.11.26		
VENDOR		
ABSOLUTE GROUP CO	GOGERTY RESTROOM PARKING	4,000.00
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	15.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	3,166.84
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/OFFICE SUPPLIES	116.17
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	1,820.44
SOLID WASTE	POSTAGE	44.13
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL/EQUIPMENT REPAIR/SUPPLIES	271.47
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE	44.12
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE/TESTING	76.41
PARKS	EASTER EGG HUNT	360.03
CITY OF ZEARING	ADD. HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE	34.28
COFFMAN WELDING	MOWER REPAIR	410.00
CORE & MAIN	WATER METERS & WASHERS	802.01
DENTON DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	54.00
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	PARK SHELTER WIRING	11,878.54
FELD FIRE	FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT	285.00
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	APRIL PUBLISHINGS	284.16
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	WATER MAIN REPAIR	429.78
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	2,784.26
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	WATER PURCHASE	4,460.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,980.98
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,995.00
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	MOWER PARTS	4.47
LIQUID LOGIC	MONTHLY OPERATOR SERVICES	1,100
MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	ANNUAL WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	5,017.00

MENARDS - AMES	POTTING SOIL	61.19
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TV	355.74
NEVADA HARDWARE	CITY SHOP SUPPLIES	42.33
NEXT LEVEL BUILDING SUPPLY	KEYS	12.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST PREVENTION SERVICES	178.83
STATE OF IOWA TREASURER	SALES&USE	255.29
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	TIRES	341.83
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,194.44
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	168.66
SUBTOTAL		55,074.78
PAYROLL	4.15.26	3,619.28
PAYROLL	4.29.26	3,448.08
TOTAL		62,142.14
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		38,218.47
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		1,194.44
WATER		18,959.01
SEWER		3,770.22
TOTAL FUNDS		62,142.14

There was on sheriff deputy present during the meeting.

One person spoke during the open forum.

At 7:05pm Mayor Beard opened the public hearing on the proposed sale of 112 E. Main St. There was no one in attendance wishing to discuss or buy the property. The city received one sealed bid from A. Webb prior to the meeting. This bid was opened during the hearing. The bid was for \$2,000, and he plans to use the space to build a storage area for the trash cans from his neighboring apartments. 7:10pm Perisho motioned to close the public hearing, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to accept A. Webb's offer of \$2,000 for 112 E. Main St., Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests from Clinic Pharmacy were here to discuss a prospective new pharmacy and introduce themselves to the community. As of now, they only have a store front in Hansen Hospital in Iowa Falls. We had hoped they would be able to open a location here. They really want to help serve Zeiring but do not think a full-time, full-service pharmacy is feasible currently. For now, they are offering free delivery to Zeiring as well as a "vaci-taxi". If people would like to transfer their prescriptions to them, they just need to call them, and they will do the rest. Options are being explored, such as having a couple days a week for prescription pick-ups.

Perisho motioned to give Ordinance 182, an ordinance increasing water rates by 14%, it's third and final reading, Adams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Pascuzzi, Adams, Perisho, Johnson. Nays: none. Absent: Hill. Motion carried 4-0. This rate increase will go into effect once the ordinance is published, and will be applied to the June 1st billing cycle.

Two new park board applications had been turned in and were reviewed. One of the applicants, Lia Schippers, attended the meeting.

Perisho motioned to approve Lia Schippers for the park board, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Pascuzzi motioned to deny Julie Jeffries request to be appointed to the park board, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Story County Housing Trust donation was overlooked this fiscal year. The council discussed if this was a program we want to continue to be a part of. Perisho motioned to continue with the program and make the requested \$417 donation, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Recycling was discussed again. Mayor Beard got a rough quote from Pratt. Each home could get a bin, they accept anything except glass, would pick up twice a month, and the cost would be about \$8.30 a month per home. Adams motioned to table this discussion until we have a written quote for this service, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Zearing Days contribution was discussed again. We have an application submitted with our insurance company to see what the cost to cover the fireworks insurance is going to be. Perisho motioned to table the ZD contribution until we get the quote back, Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

110 W. Main St. needs some upkeep after Nucara vacated. The walls have some damage where screws were used to hang things and then were pulled out, previously unfinished drywall repairs need completed, lock replacement, etc. Perisho motioned to start getting bids to complete this work, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The council reviewed a quote for a new Country Clipper Boss XL 35-72 mower from Johnson Sales & Service for \$18,249. Johnson's have agreed to take payment for the mower at the start of the next fiscal year and give the city \$5,104 for our 2011 Boss 37-60 on trade. With the trade, the Boss XL comes to \$13,145 due July 2, 2026. Adams motioned to proceed with the mower purchase, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Johnson motioned to renew the food pantry lease under the same terms as the previous year (\$200/month), Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The handicap parking spots on Main Street are either missing signage or are painted the wrong color. Also, there is no reserved spot down by Dakins. Adams motioned to add signage/re-paint where appropriate to make Main St. handicap parking compliant, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The alley that runs north/south between Ash and N Pine comes to a dead end south of E. Cleveland. The council agreed continuing this alley through E. Cleveland makes sense. Perisho motioned to continue the alley to E. Cleveland, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

K. Tisdale would like two additional planters to add to Main St. This will fit within the beautification budget, but is a large ticket item, so she wanted to run it by council. Perisho motioned to approve the purchase of two planters, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Johnson motioned to schedule the public hearing to amend the Zearing FY26 budget for May 26, 2026 at 6:30pm, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There are currently a handful of delinquent water bills needing to be sent notices.

No nuisance properties turned in this month. If a property is needing attention and someone wants change, a written complaint needs to be made.

Superintendent's report: Mowing, mowing the lagoons, working on the mowers, passed wastewater certification, getting ready to discharge secondary lagoon.

Clerk's report: Spring cleaning, got the budget submitted, prepared the budget amendment, attended the SCEDG meeting and the IMFOA conference, gave our annual ARPA report to the supervisors.

Mayor's report: Park project is almost done.

Council members' report: Pascuzzi attended the library board meeting. Perisho cleaned streets before prom.

Next special meeting is Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Next regular meeting is Monday June 8, 2026 at 7pm at City Hall.

Adams motioned at 8:35pm to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Marlin Beard, Mayor Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk