

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
 CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
 MAY 12, 2025**

7:00 Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken: Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good, Pascuzzi (via phone). Absent: None.

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 4.14.25 Regular Meeting Minutes, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the claims totaling \$45,631.68, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR		
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	165.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	3,023.14
AMY WOMELDORFF	MILEAGE	168.00
CHASE VISE		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER	13.77
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVD/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	862.32
FIRE DEPARTMENT	FUEL	44.95
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL	456.04
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE & PARTS	111.98
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE	67.48
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	ROAD ROCK & DELIVERY	1,554.24
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS	C.C. PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	215.66
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	PARTS	31.26
DENTON DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	1,974.00
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLICATIONS	334.83
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES	PROPANE	1,172.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES	FED/FICA TAX	2,472.66
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,938.01
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,758.00
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	FILTERS & OIL	74.76
KEY COOPERATIVE	ROUNDUP POWERMAX	210.00
MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	WATER TOWER YEARLY CONTRACT	9,877.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO., INC.	U.S. FLAGS	247.80
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	AMBULANCE REPAIR	443.58
MENARD'S - AMES	PARTS/SUPPLIES	150.90
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/TELEPHONE/TELEVISION	360.10
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	APRIL/MAY SERVICES	349.50
STORY CO. ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT	38.50
TANYA NUNN	PARK BOARD EASTER PROGRAM	427.83
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE - LIBRARY	542.80
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	170.22
SUBTOTAL		38,725.06
PAYROLL	4.16.25	3,318.67

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TOTAL		45,631.68
EXPENSES BY FUND		
GENERAL		25,198.73
ROAD USE TAX		74.76
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		542.80
WATER		17,216.62
SEWER		2,598.77
TOTAL FUNDS		45,631.68

The Sherriff reminded citizens that with the nice weather, watch for an increase in burglaries/thefts, lock your doors & lock up your stuff. The new deputy is going through the academy & they are still looking to hire one more deputy. The new range training facility construction is going well & will hopefully be completed next month.

Open Forum: Schlesky voiced frustrations over the exterior lights on Peck's building.

Tisdale motioned to renew the food pantry lease under the same terms as the previous year, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The street closure for the street dance during Zearing Days was rediscussed. Story County Emergency Management only requires notification of road closure, not emergency access. Also, with the crowd they are anticipating, there is concern if an emergency lane would really be clear in the case of an emergency. Good motioned to abate the motion made on 4.14.25 to allow the Zearing Bar to close Main Street from Rick's Car Wash to City Hall on 7-26-25, permitting emergency vehicles are allowed passage on the north side of the street, Tisdale seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Good motioned to allow the Zearing Bar to close Main Street from the west corner of Rick's Car Wash to the west edge of the food pantry on 7-26-25, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Marlin Beard was present to discuss rezoning the ag land at the corner of Vine & W. Main St.

Discussion was had on the Gehl loader as the final \$28,750 balloon payment on the lease has come due. It was agreed that this piece of equipment is needed, and the city should keep it. Rather than pay off the balloon payment all at once, one option would be to finance the remaining due over the next 5 years. The bank estimated the quarterly payments would be approx. \$1,700-1,800. Tisdale motioned to allow Mayor Herr to refinance the Gehl if the payments come in at or below \$1,800/quarter, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council agreed upon May 27, 2025 at 6:00pm for the public hearing for the FY25 budget amendments. Good motioned to hold the public hearing for the FY25 Budget Amendments on May 27, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tisdale motioned to set the yearly employee reviews for Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

There are three delinquent water accounts that will be getting disconnection notice letters this next week.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Movement has been noticed at previously noted Main St. residence. The buyer of the property on N. Elm is ready to start work on that property. His plan is to put in some storage units.

Superintendent's Report: The lagoon drawdown is completed & now we're doing the transfer to our two secondary ponds. Spring hydrant flushing will be done tomorrow. The mosquito fogger should be calibrated later this month. We would like to thank Altenburgs for crushing up that concrete for us, it was a great help.

Clerk's Report: We are finally able to accept credit cards in City Hall, but not on our website. Presented our annual ARPA report at a County Supervisors meeting. Have been working on bank reconciliations. Also, working on coordinating training with our EMS for emergency Stop the Bleed kits for City Hall and the library.

Mayor's Report: Working on rezoning, setting up access to credit card statements, the clinic remodel, which is now finished or very close to finished and within budget. Also, we are getting things lined up for the upcoming shelter house project.

Next Special City Council Meeting is the Public Hearing for FY25 Budget Amendments on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 6pm at City Hall.

Next Regular City Council Meeting is Monday June 9, 2025 at 7pm at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:43 pm to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk