

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

7:00pm Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho, Good. Absent: Pascuzzi.

Tisdale motioned to approve the agenda, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 4.21.25 Special Meeting Minutes, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 5.12.25 Regular Meeting Minutes, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Perisho motioned to approve the 5.27.25 Special Meeting Minutes, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the claims totaling \$226,613.65, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

<b>CLAIMS REPORT 6.09.25</b>		
<b>VENDOR</b>		
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	152.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	2,646.63
BELOW FARM & AUTO RESTORATION	FIRE DEPT. TANKER REPAIR	250.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	EMS SUPPLIES	1,710.35
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	CLASS/SUPPLIES/POSTAGE/NOTARY	434.54
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	680.83
FIRE DEPARTMENT	FUEL	75.24
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL	241.10
WATER	PARTS & BILLING POSTAGE	105.33
SEWER	DNR FEES & BILLING POSTAGE	194.12
DENTON DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	691.50
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLICATIONS	289.23
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	TILE REPAIR AT THE LAGOON	4,704.23
IMWCA	25-26 WORK COMP PREMIUM	3,479.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,617.61
IOWA FINANCIAL AUTHORITY	LAGOON PAYMENT	86,028.75
IOWA ONE CALL	23 LOCATES	20.70
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,266.96
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,828.00
KEY COOPERATIVE	ROUNDUP POWERMAX	210.00
KS STATEBANK	GEHL CONTRACT PAYOFF	28,868.81
MARLIN BEARD	REPLACE REAR LIBRARY DOOR	150.00
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	CHEVY HD REPAIR	429.53
MENARD'S - AMES	SUPPLIES	183.00
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	JUNE PHONE/INTERNET/TV	349.06
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	SENSUS HANDHELD BATTERY	123.69
PROTABLE PROS	SOFTBALL FIELD KYBO	120.00

SECURITY STATE BANK	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES	80.00
KATHY TISDALE	MAIN STREET FLOWERS	280.67
TRI-COUNTY SERVICES	FY26 CITY INSURANCE	71,344.00
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	'18 JOHN DEERE X750 REPAIR	1,152.96
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE - LIBRARY	547.21
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	170.22
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>219,893.50</b>
PAYROLL	5.14.25	3,280.61
PAYROLL	5.28.25	3,439.54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226,613.65</b>
<b>EXPENSES BY FUND</b>		
GENERAL		99,437.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		547.21
WATER		25,067.98
SEWER		101,560.52
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>226,613.65</b>

There was no sheriff's deputy present to report.

Open Forum: Rose-White shared that she delivered three welcome baskets. She thanked Perisho for her help baking cookies and she welcomes others to help as well. Schnormeier inquired about how the budget will end for the year, Mayor Herr said after the amendment the budget will be in good order. It was asked if the city had to contribute the amount the council pledged to the clinic remodel earlier this year and we had not since the remodel came in under budget.

New Business:

There was a brief discussion on what our attorney said about trying to recoup the costs of cleaning up the property at 102 E Main St.

Tisdale motioned to approve the FY25-26 Story County Animal Control Contract, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the alley purchase made between the City and Peck in 2020 that was never fully completed. Mayor Herr had visited with our attorney and she advised us to follow through with the sale. Perisho motioned to approve the sales agreement, Tisdale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Ayes: Johnson, Tisdale, Perisho. Nays: Good. Motion passes 3-1.

Section 1.14 Standard Penalty was reviewed for code updates. Perisho motioned to eliminate imprisonment as a penalty for our local ordinances, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Applications for a new water meter reader were reviewed. Four people expressed interest. Perisho motioned to hire Trisha Morgan as the new water meter reader, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Johnson motioned to approve the renewal of Good II Go's tobacco permit, Tisdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Board vacancies were briefly discussed. There are currently openings on Planning & Zoning, the Board of Adjustments, and the Heritage Room Board. We will get these posted online and around town to see if we can draw in some interest.

The possibility for public measures for the upcoming election were briefly discussed.

The City's ordinance on fences around pools was discussed. No action was taken, but it was agreed that if we are going to have an ordinance, it should be enforced universally, and we would re-visit this topic again next month.

Old Business:

Delinquent Water Bills: There are 10 accounts set to receive disconnect letters this next week.

Nuisance Properties: 408 Ash St. has been turned in due to needing mowed and cleaned up.

Superintendent's Report: Doing a second draw down in case we have a wet fall, almost done with that. Mosquito fogger is calibrated, lubed and the oil is changed. We have about 45-47 gallons of the fogging mix on hand, which is about enough to do about 7 fogs. The hydraulic lines are replaced on the Gehl, so it is back up. The 750 went in for a drive shaft replacement and it's back in running order. The water tower is going down for maintenance from the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and if all goes well, it will be refilled the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. We also had a service line replaced on W. Garfield.

Clerk's Report: Attended a city accounting/financial class, Stop the Bleed training with Shay, bank reconciliations, also attended the Story County Economic Development Group meeting with Mayor Herr.

Mayor's Report: The clinic remodel is finished, park shelter is getting ready to begin. Mayor Herr acknowledges that he has been preoccupied and requests at this time to step back for a couple weeks to tend to personal matters. While he is still accessible if needed, his focus is needed elsewhere.

Council Member's Report: The Park Board would like to have a meeting to make sure everyone is on the same page for the shelter house renovation. The Library and the Heritage Room are going to work together to share a little space and they are working on a grant to do some improvements. Also, the county has sent letters to the owners of the property out by the Zearing sign in hopes of helping us get it cleaned up.

Next regular council meeting is Monday July 14, 2025 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:50pm to adjourn the meeting, Good seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

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Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk