

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
JULY 14, 2025**

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

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

Perisho motioned to approve the 6.12.25 rescheduled regular meeting minutes, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 6.19.25 special meeting minutes, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the 6.30.25 special meeting minutes, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the claims totaling \$70,331.04, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS REPORT 7.14.25		
VENDOR		
ABSOLUTE PIPE, LLC.	SEWER TELEVISIONING/CLEANING	19,944.73
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	152.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	2,820.90
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	EMS SUPPLIES	117.66
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/SUPPLIES	99.53
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	721.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT	FUEL	184.95
SOLID WASTE	BILLING POSTAGE	45.18
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL & SUPPLIES	620.45
WATER	BILLING POSTAGE/CERTIFICATION	60.17
SEWER	BILLING POSTAGE	45.17
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISIONING	EMERGENCY JETTING – KEY COOP	2,970.00
CITY OF AMES	1ST HALF OF FY LANDFILL FEES	2,772.00
CUMMINS, INC.	PARTS	332.60
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	346.22
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	JUNE PUBLICATIONS	283.80
HILL’S BACKHOE & TILING	WATER LINE REPAIR	1,390.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,780.92
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY PERMIT	57.40
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,258.61
JERRY’S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,828.00
JOHNSON SALES & SERVICE	PARTS	12.00
KEY COOPERATIVE	ROUNDUP & BLUEGARD	267.39
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	JULY PHONE/INTERNET/TELEVISION	356.51
MOTION PICTURE LICENSING CORP.	MPLC BLANKET LICENSE TERM	165.01
PLUNKETT’S PEST CONTROL	JULY SERVICES	238.44
PORTABLE PROS	SOFTBALL FIELD KYBO	90.00

STORY COUNTY TREASURER	FY25-26 1 ST QRT SHERIFF CONTRACT	9,263.76
TREASURER – STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	464.64
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	MOWER PARTS	426.53
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE – LIBRARY	547.21
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	170.22
SUBTOTAL		59,302.20
PAYROLL	6.11.25	3,511.51
PAYROLL	6.25.25	4,194.85
PAYROLL	7.09.25	3,322.48
TOTAL		70,331.04

With the new FY we have new deputies assigned to our area, deputies Sasman & Dobson.

Open Forum: Karin Sevde from the Story County Foundation was present to remind us that grant season for 2025 is open with a deadline of Sept. 30th. She wanted to encourage us to apply. We assured we have an application for a project for the library in the works. And she said any 501 c3 organization can apply.

Schlesky addressed concerns about flooding of his property due to water runoff from his neighbor.

New Business:

The first responders have a new volunteer to put through training. The training costs \$2000, half is due up front and half after completion. Tisdale motioned to pay the upfront cost to get the first responder’s training started, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Planning & Zoning report: Beard reported on the rezoning process of the property on the northwest corner of W Main and Vine St. He had one phone call and no one attended the public hearing, held 6-23-25. Changing the zoning from agriculture to residential would increase the tax value of the property to the city and allow a new home to be built. P & Z recommends proceeding with the rezoning. Tisdale motioned to continue with rezoning the property to residential, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a brief discussion about the preparations and schedule for Zearing Days with Skinner. Perisho motioned to contribute \$3,000 to Zearing Days, Pascuzzi seconded. A roll call vote was taken; Ayes: Perisho, Pascuzzi. Nays: Tisdale, Johnson. Absent: Good. Motion failed 2-2. Tisdale motioned to contribute \$2,000 to Zearing Days, Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Ayes: Perisho, Tisdale, Johnson, Pascuzzi. Nays: None. Absent: Good. Motion carried 4-0.

Wiley’s would like to purchase the alley to the south of their property. The Council did not have any issues with this and decided to set a public hearing to occur during our next council meeting. Tisdale introduced Resolution #2025-714 “Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance to Vacate Streets and Alley” and motioned for adoption. Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business:

Delinquent Water Bills: Last month we sent out 10 disconnect letters, that resulted in no disconnects. This month we have a couple disconnect letters to send out.

Nuisance Properties: Working on seeing what can be done up on Ash. Continuing to work with people on E Main.

Superintendent’s Report: We had a water leak at 108 W Garfield that ended with a replaced service line. The second lagoon draw down and transfer is completed. The annual water tower

cleaning/service/inspection is also complete. And the quarterly sewer labs are completed. We had a sewer line break by the coop. We also started fogging for mosquitos.

Clerk's Report: Finished the fiscal year. Continuing to work on past bank reconciliations. Completed a workman's comp. audit.

Mayor's Report: Being that it is a new fiscal year, he wanted to give an update over the last couple of years. As of 7-01-23 our bank balance was \$68,620 and as of 7-01-2025 it was \$268,212. This is despite having many unplanned expenses related to legal fees, back taxes, penalties, etc. We remodeled the clinic thanks to grants and private money, no city money went into this project. And we are about to completely remodel the park shelter house in and out, with ADA compliance in mind. Also, we are seeing new houses starting to be built in town. As well as a drop in delinquent water bills. Departments and committees have been doing a good job at watching spending. So we are really heading in the right direction.

Council Members' Report: They would like to see the park board meet more often, and post notice when they do. Council members have been mowing, painting, and cleaning in preparation for Zearing Days.

Next regular meeting is Monday August 11, 2025 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Tisdale motioned at 7:55pm to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:
Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk