

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 ZEARING CITY COUNCIL
 CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA
 AUGUST 11, 2025**

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

Johnson motioned to approve the agenda, Tisdale seconded the morion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the minutes of the 7.14.25 Regular City Council Meeting, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve the claims totaling \$49,635.70, Pascuzzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS REPORT 8.11.25		
VENDOR		
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES	34.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY/GAS	3,050.51
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB.	PARK BATHROOM SUPPLIES	820.00
CHASE VISA		
CITY HALL	COMPUTER/SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	170.74
LIBRARY	BOOKS/DVDS/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	1,938.64
FIRE DEPARTMENT	BATTERIES	378.00
SOLID WASTE	POSTAGE	46.48
PUBLIC WORKS	FUEL	349.85
WATER	POSTAGE	46.48
SEWER	POSTAGE	46.48
PARK & REC	MEMORIAL BENCH	1,180.97
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN PC	LEGAL FEES	2,245.00
DDM ELECTRIC INC.	PARK ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE	865.38
GANNET IOWA LOCALIQ	JULY PUBLICATIONS	178.28
HILL'S BACKHOE & TILING	SEWER MAIN BREAK REPAIR	9,434.63
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	1,643.94
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL NPDES WASTEWATER FEE	210.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBER DUES	620.00
IOWA ONE CALL	12 LOCATES	10.90
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASE	3,910.00
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	1,269.59
JERRY'S SANITATION	SOLID WASTE CONTRACT	6,828.00
KAM LINE HIGHWAY MARKINGS	MAIN ST CENTER LINE PAINTING	714.35
KEY COOPERATIVE	ROUNDUP POWERMAX	214.00
MARLIN BEARD	SIDEWALK PATCHWORK	1,445.00
MAX'S AUTO REPAIR	DEF – FIRE DEPARTMENT	25.49
MENARDS – AMES	PAINT	631.83
MINERVA VALLEY TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET/TV	357.31
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	JULY SERVICE	120.22
PORTABLE PROS	SOFTBALL FIELD KYBO	90.00
STORY CO. ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT	88.50
US BANK	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	557.98
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	GEHL HYDRAULIC HOSE/FITTINGS	333.56
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INSURANCE – LIBRARY	547.21
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	170.22

ZEARING DAYS COMMITTEE	2025 ZEARING DAYS DONATION	2,000
SUBTOTAL		42,569.47
PAYROLL	7.23.25	3,612.66
PAYROLL	8.06.25	3,453.57
TOTAL		49,635.70

Sheriff's report: there was no deputy present.

Open Forum: Those with comments chose to wait to speak until later in the meeting since their comments were related to an item on the agenda.

New Business:

Public Hearing for vacation of alley: Mayor Herr opened the public hearing for comments for/against the sale of one block of the alley that runs to the south and adjacent of Gene and Lila Wiley's home. Wiley's were in attendance and supplied a letter from the Jackson's, the property owners on the other side of the alley, stating they are ok with the sale of the alley. There were no other remarks made and the public hearing was closed.

Pascuzzi motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-811-1 approving the vacation of streets or other public lands, Tisdale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Pascuzzi, Johnson, Tisdale. Absent: Perisho, Good. Nays: None. Motion Carried: 3-0. With the resolution adopted, the sale of the alley to the Wiley's was approved.

Perisho arrived at 7:11pm.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Beard was present to discuss how pool code enforcement has gone. Out of five non-compliance notices that were sent out, one is working on getting a fence, two decided to drain/remove their pools, and we've had no response from the last two. As the next step, the council decided to add a specific penalty for non-compliance to this code. Pascuzzi motioned to adopt Resolution #2025-811-3 scheduling a public hearing to immediately follow the other public hearing we were scheduling durinh this meeting, this one to discuss penalties for non-compliance of pool enclosures. Her thought was to add a \$200/month penalty added to their utility bill until compliance is met, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. It was noted that legal counsel will be consulted to make sure this is done to Iowa Code.

The Council agreed upon Monday August 25, 2025 at 7pm for the City Council's public hearing, now that the Planning and Zoning Board has held theirs and recommended rezoning property ID#01-21-175-130. Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2025-811-2 Setting Public Hearing for Rezoning of Property for Monday August 25, 2025 at 7pm, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tisdale motioned to approve renewing Good II Go's liquor license, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Since the employee evaluations did not happen as scheduled last week, a resident requested to put cost of living raises on the agenda. Cornelius spoke on Bill's behalf. She asked that cost of living raises be given tonight and to include Bill because he has worked hard for the city. Mayor Herr said that it would be possible to give a cost of living raise tonight, but it could not turn into an employee evaluation of any kind. Rose-White asked if council members could be called if they were to not show up for a meeting? Council agreed they would like to schedule reviews rather than just give a cost of living raise, which is

not guaranteed. Pascuzzi motioned to schedule employee evaluations following our public hearings starting at 7pm on August 25, 2025, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. There was no action taken regarding cost of living raises tonight.

Old Business:

Delinquent Water Bills: Last month all delinquent accounts paid before they were disconnected. We will be sending out just a few notices this month.

Nuisance Properties: None reported since the last meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Thank you to everybody with helping to get ready for Zearing Days. It seemed to go well this year. Mosquito fogging has been going well. We have fogged most Thursday nights. We had to do an emergency bypass of the lift station twice during the heavy rains that we have had. We are currently doing an out-of-pocket discharge of the lagoon ponds to keep up with the amount of input we have coming into the lagoon. The W Cleveland water loop project is in process, although it has had some snags along the way.

Clerk's Report: She attended the Story County Economic Development meeting a few weeks ago and also webinar training for the AFR report. The coming election filing period starts August 25 and will end at 5pm on September 18th. Also, now notary services can be completed at City Hall as the City Clerk has become a licensed notary.

Mayor's Report: There was time spent getting ready for Zearing Days and time spent mowing between rain storms. Now we are working for a grant or two for the library, hoping to upgrade the lighting and computers. We are ready to get going on the shelter house project at the park. It has been cleared out and Altenburg Construction, who has volunteered to remove the concrete, would like to come in this Thursday (8/14). Just something to be aware of, we did receive notice from the DOT that HWY 65 will be under construction next summer from Colo to Hubbard. And to reiterate what Amy mentioned before, the election filing period starts August 25. Election papers can be picked up at City Hall.

Council Members' Report: Council has noticed a surge in grass clippings thrown into the street when mowing. It was decided to put out a reminder on Facebook that this is not only against city code, but also clogs drains and is a hazard to cyclists of all kinds.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7pm at City Hall.

Next Special Meeting is Monday, August 25, 2025 at 7pm at City Hall. At which there will be two public hearings and employee evaluations.

Tisdale motioned at 7:53pm to adjourn the meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Martin Herr, Mayor of Zearing, Iowa

Attested:

Amy Womeldorff, Zearing City Clerk