

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, ZEARING, IOWA  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

6:32pm Mayor Herr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken; Present: Perisho, Good, Pascuzzi, Johnson. Absent: Tisdale.

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

FEMA Audit: Results of an ongoing FEMA audit were discussed. We were found to be over paid on two programs.

Program PW404 was funding provided after the 2020 derecho. It is now closed out and a priority to return funds totaling \$19,972.49. This is due to FEMA and insurance payments covering the same damage. After repairs had been completed we received a second insurance payment. That second insurance payment was not anticipated when FEMA issued their assistance. FEMA does not pay for damages covered by insurance.

Program PW441 is a donated resources program. This program was changed after the start of the program. The change in the program affected the amount of assistance we were to receive. With these program changes we had already been overpaid and owed back \$12,133.97. This amount is not owed immediately, and we can possibly offset this debt by a third program, the new Cat Z project.

The Cat Z project is related to administrative costs relating back to the 2020 derecho. With this project we will hopefully be able to get the PW441 total owed down to around \$7,000. The clerk and the Emergency Management Specialist will continue to work on this project until it is completed, and we know the additional amount owed beyond the PW404 project.

Tisdale arrived.

Several Park Board members were in attendance to discuss the shelter house remodel with the council. The grant was awarded to the city with Mayor Herr as the grant administrator. There has been a lack of communication between the two groups regarding this project. Plans have been in the works for several months, with plans/estimates at City Hall. The park board showed little interest in the project until work began (start date has always been Aug. 1) and then tried to take control. Park board meetings were held unofficially, and the plan was changed without authorization. Council encouraged the park board to come to their meetings as a couple of them often come to theirs' when they post and have them. Hill (Park board) wants to be called with updates. Mayor Herr encouraged the park board to apply for another grant if they still want to plan and add a bathroom to the shelter house after this project.

Tisdale motioned to follow the grant as written, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Good motioned to have Marlin Beard be our liaison in charge of the park project, Perisho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7:25pm Tisdale motioned to adjourn the meeting, Good seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.