**Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting**

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Mayor Fishler called the meeting to order at 8:01

Roll call of members present: Larry Tibbott, Kevin Clark, Barb Ries, Rick Lahr. Absent: Burt Davis.

Also present: Tom Schirmer, Alex Elgin, Chad Finnell.

Speedway/Rieken Property

Mayor Fishler updated the Council on a conversation with Candace Rieken about potential changes to the Delaware Speedway property.

Other Business

Tom Schirmer asked about moving the fence on his properties at 300 East Harrison Street and 525 3rd Street. The Council discussed the request and agreed it was fine as long as the fence was on his properties.

Building Permit Applications

The Council reviewed the building permit application from Chad Finnell for the construction of a building on the property at 211 West Adams Street. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the building permit application of Chad Finnell for the property at 211 West Adams Street. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Ries, seconded by Clark to approve a special permit to allow for the construction of a commercial storage building at 211 West Adams Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Hall Cameras

The Council reviewed information on cameras available through US Cellular. The Council will continue to review options for cameras at future meetings.

211 West Adams Street

Mayor Fishler opened the public hearing at 8:25 on the sale of the alley between the two parcels at 211 West Adams Street. There being no written comments on file and no comments to be heard, Mayor Fishler closed the Public Hearing at 8:25am.

The Council discussed the price for the sale of the alley, noting it was approximately 1,200 square feet. City Clerk Learn noted that Manchester charges $0.22 per square foot when selling City property. Following discussion, motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to adopt Resolution #004-2022 Resolution Approving the Sale of the Alley to Chad Finnell for $264.00 ($0.22 x 1,200 square feet). Motion carried, all ayes.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

The Council agreed to have a special City Council meeting on March 26, 2022, at 8:00am for a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Bypass Loop at Water Building

City Operator Alex Elgin informed the Council that a bypass valve needs to be installed at the west water building in order to be able to service the water system more efficiently. F.L. Krapfl is preparing a proposal for the installation of the valve. The Council asked Elgin to also get an estimate from Oasis Well & Pump.

Sewer Lagoons Fence

The Council discussed the repairs needed to the fencing around the sewer lagoons. Elgin noted he had looked at the fencing and the reviewed the areas that are in disrepair. Elgin also discussed mowing at the lagoons. City staff will check with the IDNR on fencing and mowing requirements.

Other Business

Chad Finnell requested permission to bring fill in for the property at 211 West Adams Street and drive trucks on City streets to haul the fill to the property. Finnell stated he’d try to utilize the truck routs as much as possible. The Council discussed the request. Motion by Clark, seconded by Tibbott to approve a special permit for Chad Finnell/C&J Dirtworks to allow him to drive trucks to his properties in Delaware. Motion carried, all ayes.

Rural County Transportation Grant Funding

The Council reviewed the estimates from Prairie Road Builders for seal coating streets in the city. Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to adopt 005-2022 Resolution Establishing Project Priorities for Rural County Transportation Program Application. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to adopt 006-2022 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) Grant Application with Delaware County to assist with the funding for the Digital Speed Signs and Seal Coating Street Projects in the City of Delaware, Iowa. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Shop Improvements

Mayor Fishler provided the Council with two quotes he had gotten for installation of spray foam at the City Shop building. The Council also discussed quotes for concrete, overhead door installation, and the construction of walls. The Council will continue to work on obtaining estimates for the work in the building and discussing the project.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: Elgin informed the Council that the truck is in service and working well, noting it will be getting decaled soon.

Streets: Council Member Lahr updated the Council on street maintenance and culvert repairs.

Park: Council Member Ries asked that the porta potty be placed in the park in early April. Ries also updated the Council on suspicious activity at the park recently. The Council discussed having motion lights installed at the park shelter and City Hall. Mayor Fishler will get estimates from Dave Wilson. The Council also discussed contacting Alliant Energy about the cost to have a streetlight installed on the first block of East Adams Street.

Water: None.

Sewer: Elgin informed the Council that they will be taking samples at the lagoons next month before they can discharge.

Other Business

The spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Standing Business

* Approve the minutes of the February 12, 2022, City Council meeting
* Approve payment of the bills
* Delaware County Sheriff’s Office February 2022 Report
* February 2022 Revenue and Expense Report

Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to approve the standing business items. Motion carried, all ayes.

Adjourn

Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Clark that the meeting adjourn at 9:58am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk