**Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Mayor Fishler called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Roll call of members present: Rick Lahr, Barb Ries, Kevin Clark, Larry Tibbott, Burt Davis. Absent: None.

Also present: Chip Salow, Caitlin Salow, Teresa Tibbott, John & Rose Hadley, Zach Fishler.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF ALLEY – TIBBOTT/GLASS/SALOW

Mayor Fishler opened the Public Hearing at 8:01am.

Caitlin Salow addressed the Council stating that she is purchasing the house at 221 East Adams Street and would like to purchase the section of alley adjacent to the house.

Teresa Tibbott asked when Salow was closing on the property. Salow responded that the closing is scheduled for August 30, 2022.

John Hadley addressed the Council asked if the Council was selling land, as he had requested to purchase the undeveloped street next to his property. Mayor Fishler responded that this request was for an undeveloped alley and not a street, and that the Council was not interested in vacating streets.

Teresa Tibbott asked what would happen if Salow did not purchase the house. The City Clerk responded that it could remain a vacated alley or the Council could sell it to the next purchaser of the house or to Tibbott’s.

There being no written comments on file and no further comments to be heard, Mayor Fishler closed the Public Hearing at 8:04am.

Following discussion, motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to adopt Resolution 008-2022 A Resolution Approving the Sale of Certain Real Estate, selling the vacated alley to Larry and Teresa Tibbott and Caitlin Salow at a cost of $0.22 per square foot. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Davis. Nays: None. Abstentions: Tibbott (Tibbott abstained as he was one of the parties purchasing the vacated alley). Motion carried.

ZACH FISHLER

Zach Fishler addressed the Council, stating that he is planning to build a shop on his property and wondered if he could hook on to city sewer and what sort of trap he would need if he did. Fishler noted he would connect on to his existing sewer line with the line for the shop. The Council agreed they were fine with him connecting to the sewer line and advised that he should contact the City’s wastewater operator, Dean Hendricks, to discuss how to make the connection.

JOHN & ROSE HADLEY

John and Rose Hadley addressed the Council about the work they had completed on their property since receiving the notice from ECIA about the violations and asked if the Council was satisfied with the work. The Hadley’s discussed the building project with the Council, noting they are not able to get materials or a contractor within the 30 days required in the letter. The Council discussed the nuisance issues with the Hadley’s and the construction work. Following discussion, motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries that the work completed by the Hadley’s resolved the nuisance concerns and directed the City Clerk to have ECIA stop the nuisance proceedings. Motion carried, all ayes.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

The Council discussed nuisance properties in town. Mayor Fishler and City Clerk Learn will contact property owners regarding the concerns.

The Council agreed a reminder should be sent to residents about mowing/weeds, building permits and dog licenses.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Council reviewed a building permit application from Joe & Jennifer Ries, 300 1st Street, for an addition to their house. Motion by Ries, seconded by Davis to approve the building permit application from Joe & Jennifer Ries for an addition to their house at 300 1st Street.

LIVESTOCK APPLICATIONS

None.

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Council reviewed quotes for maintenance on the City’s generator from Electrical Engineering & Equipment (3E) and Altorfer Power Systems. Motion by Davis, seconded by Lahr to approve proceeding with the quote from Altorfer Power Systems in the amount of $1,069.00 for generator maintenance. Motion carried, all ayes.

WEST WASHINGTON STREET

The Council discussed the end of West Washington Street and the ownership of the road. Motion by Clark, seconded by Lahr to send a request to the Delaware County Supervisors that they deed a small parcel (470000103510) to the City. Motion carried, all ayes. The Council also asked that the City Attorney be contacted about the ownership of the road at the end of West Washington Street.

PERIODIC EXAM REPORT

The Council reviewed the Periodic Exam Report received from the State Auditor’s Office. The Council discussed the items noted in the report and how to proceed with correcting them.

KLUESNER SANITATION – REQUEST TO INCREASE GARBAGE RATE

No update.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/Civil Defense: Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the old fire truck was going to be listed for sale.

Streets: Council Member Lahr informed the Council that Prairie Road Builders would be seal coating the streets in September. The Council discussed the work done by the state on Highway 38 through town, noting there were several bad spots. Mayor Fishler asked about putting the speed bumps out on Jefferson Street as requested by residents.

Park: Council Member Ries noted that Alex Elgin had mowed and put out some mulch and rock in the park, so it was ready for the city picnic.

Water/Sewer: No update.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Clerk Learn informed the Council there would be a flu shot clinic in Delaware on October 12, 2022.

The Council reviewed the contract from Demmer Oil with a cost of $1.82 for the winter. Motion by Clark, seconded by Ries to approve the contract with Demmer Oil at a cost of $1.82. Motion carried, all ayes.

STANDING BUSINESS

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to approve the following Standing Business Items: minutes of the July 9, 2022 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office July 2022 Report; and the July 2022 Utility Collections Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

ADJOURN

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries that the meeting adjourn at 9:29am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk