

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting
Saturday, December 10, 2022

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

Roll call

Present: Burt Davis, Rick Lahr, Larry Tibbott, Barb Ries, Kevin Clark. Absent: None.
Also present: Alex Elgin, Dean Hendricks, Lonny Fishler, Erin Learn.

Allan Domeyer Street Request

Lahr informed the Council Allan Domeyer had asked him about buying the undeveloped street by his house and Lahr told him he would need to come to a City Council meeting.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

None.

New City Truck

The Council discussed new tires for the new city truck. Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to authorize the purchase of four truck tires at a total cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Clark, seconded by Ries to approve Alex Elgin's request for the old tires from the truck. Motion carried, all ayes.

Elgin noted that the truck has been work well. Elgin discussed other equipment for the truck. Learn informed the Council that the fuel card should be arriving soon for Elgin to use at Gary's after hours.

Main Street Closure

The Council discussed the semi-truck that tipped over at the intersection of Highway 38 and East Main Street and agreed a bill for \$1,000 should be sent to the trucking company for damages done as a result of the tip over. The Council discussed closing the access to Highway 38 from both East Main Street and West Main Street, noting it is a dangerous intersection. Motion by Davis, seconded by Ries to approve proceeding with closing the Main Street and Highway 38 intersection on both East Main Street and West Main Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

Street Project – Approve final payment to Prairie Road Builders

Lahr informed the Council that Prairie Road Builders had removed the excess rock from the seal coated streets, and the rock had been used on the sewer lagoon road. Following discussion, motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to accept the seal coat project and approve final payment. Motion carried, all ayes.

Approval of Utility Rate Increases

Learn reviewed the proposed utility rate increases with the Council. Motion by Davis, seconded by Ries to adopt R-010-2022 Resolution Setting Utility Rates. Motion carried, all ayes.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: The Fire Department's Christmas Party is January 14, 2023, and the City Council is invited. Elgin updated on work done on the trucks and equipment.

Streets: Elgin noted he needs sand for the streets. The Council discussed rock for the area where the hydrant replacement was done.

Park: No update.

Water: Hendricks updated the Council on the issues with Well 1, he is waiting on Northway to pull the well to investigate further. The well can still be used in case of emergency.

Sewer: Hendricks noted that Northway had to replace the floats at the lagoon and the pump is getting pretty weak.

Other Business

- Santa Visit – December 10, 2022

Ries reminded the Council that Santa would be visiting the Fire Station and that Dan Palmersheim had given a donation to help cover the costs for the Santa Visit. A toy for a girl and for a boy had been donated and will be drawn for at the event, and little gift bags will be given to all the children who attend.

- Stipend/Salary

Learn asked about switching her wage from hourly to salary due to the nature of the position. Following discussion, motion by Tibbott, seconded by Clark to approved switching the City Clerk position to salaried and to pay City Clerk Erin Learn \$700.00 per month. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council discussed a delinquent utility bill and potential disconnection if payment is not received by January 7, 2023.

Standing Business

- Approve the minutes of the November 12, 2022 City Council meeting
- Approve payment of the bills
- Delaware County Sheriff's Office November 2022 Report
- November 2022 Revenue and Expense Report
- November 2022 Utility Collections Report

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

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lahr that the meeting adjourn at 9:45am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk