

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2023

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

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

Marv Ries and Joe Ries addressed the Council with concerns about the condition of the East Jefferson/217th Street as it goes out of town. Ries noted that the gravel is like a washboard with several gullies. Mayor Fishler commented that the other gravel roads in the area are in poor condition too due to the winter. The Council discussed blading the roads and options to repair and will work on fixing the gravels once the weather improves.

There were no building permits or livestock applications.

West Washington Street/Alley Vacation

City Clerk Learn informed the Council that Mike Loecke was selling his land at the end of West Washington Street and wanted to deed the small section of West Washington Street that he owns to the city. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to authorize the City Clerk to proceed with necessary paperwork to acquire the section of West Washington Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council discussed vacating the alley in that area and having a survey done there too.

Resolution Approving Subdivision Plat

The Council reviewed the plat for Lucy's First Subdivision which is located outside of City limits but within the two-mile radius. Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to adopt Resolution 001-2023 Resolution Approving Final Plat (Lucy's First Subdivision). Motion carried, all ayes.

Main Street Closure

Motion by Clark, seconded by Ries to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Right of Way Permit for the closure of Main Street at the intersection of Highway 38 on both sides. Motion carried, all ayes.

Mayor Fishler updated the Council on his conversation with Dustin Mead, IDOT. Mead has indicated his department will close the other intersection of West Main Street/Highway 38 in the next week. Mead is also looking into the cost of a truck route sign for Hutchison, the city would have to pay for the sign, but the IDOT would install it.

The Council discussed getting online maps updated with the intersection closure, additional signage, and how to inform trucking companies.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride City Park Project

Council Member Ries updated the Council on the City Park Project. ECIA is going to assist with writing a couple of grants and she has drafted a letter the city can send out for a fundraiser. Ries also reviewed the proposed plans for the park improvements.

Tree Removals/Trimming

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the tree removals/trimming work was completed and done at the price they quoted Council.

Messaging System

City Clerk Learn informed the Council that Delaware County Emergency Management has a messaging system that has the capability of adding users so cities can use it for messaging too. There would be a cost to utilize it which would depend on how many Delaware County cities signed up to use it. Learn will bring additional information if enough cities decide to sign up.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Motion by Ries, seconded by Lahr to reschedule Public Hearing on the "Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution" for the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to March 11, 2023, at 8:00am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Department Reports

- Fire/Civil Defense: None.
- Streets: Will work on gravels once weather permits.
- Park: None.
- Water: None.
- Sewer: None.

Other Business

The Council discussed the process for the city maintenance/operator to get his certification.

Standing Business

- Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2023 City Council meeting
- Approve payment of the bills
- Delaware County Sheriff's Office January 2023 Report
- January 2023 Revenue and Expense Report
- January 2023 Utility Collections Report

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

Motion by Ries, seconded by Clark that the meeting adjourn at 9:46am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk