

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2023

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

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

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that Hadley's were adding on to their house that is under construction at 300 East Jefferson Street. Following discussion, the Council asked the Clerk to contact John and Rose Hadley to come to the next City Council meeting to renew their building permit and update the information with the addition they are planning.

Public Hearing on the budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Mayor Fishler opened the Public Hearing at 8:04. City Clerk Learn reviewed the proposed budget with the Council. There being no comments to be heard and no written comments on file, Mayor Fishler closed the Public Hearing at 8:10am. Motion by Clark, seconded by Lahr to adopt 003-2023 Resolution Approving Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 with a levy rate of \$11.84325. Motion carried, all ayes.

Spring Street Maintenance

The Council discussed street work for the spring and the work that has been done to date.

City Insurance Update

The Council reviewed the City's insurance renewal with the updated property values, noting there was a premium savings.

City Siren Update

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the City siren has been repaired. When John Loecke came to do the repairs, he found all the batteries were bad. The batteries have been replaced and the siren is now working.

City Brush Dump

Alex Elgin informed the Council that the Fire Department will burn the brush pile this spring.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: The department assisted with a controlled burn in Earlville. A new pump is needed for one of the trucks.

Streets: None.

Park: Grant applications have been submitted and fundraising letters sent out for the City Park Project. So far, the City has received a grant for paint for the park. Council Member Ries asked if it was ok to remove the smaller wooden structure with the slide at the park and the Council was supportive of the removal. Council Member Ries also informed the Council about small acts of vandalism that had occurred at the park. The Council discussed mowing at the City park, Alex Elgin will continue to mow the park with Clyde Ries serving as a substitute should Alex need assistance. The Council also discussed purchasing a weed eater.

Water: None.

Sewer: Alex Elgin discussed maintenance at the sewer lagoons this summer and noted that he had talked to Greg Bonert about spraying the thistles.

Other Business

City Clerk Learn updated the Council on credit card and ACH payment options. Learn also asked about switching from licensing dogs every year to every other year. The Council agreed to consider licensing every other year and asked the City Clerk to bring an ordinance to the next meeting.

The Council discussed the parking on the street right of way behind 200 East Jefferson Street. The Council will discuss the concern with John and Rose Hadley at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Davis expressed concern about the ongoing noise from motorbikes next to his property, noting when they run all day long on it is not fair to him as the neighboring property owner. The Council discussed the noise concerns, and the feedback the Delaware County Sheriff's Department had given the City Council at their meeting on November 12, 2022. The Council agreed Davis should contact law enforcement if the ongoing noise occurs again.

The Council discussed feral cats in town.

Standing Business

Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to approve the following standing business items: minutes of the March 11, 2023 City Council meeting; approve payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office March 2023 Report; March 2023 Revenue and Expense Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 9:47am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk