

## Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 10, 2023

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

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

### Council Vacancy

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Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to approve the appointment of Kevin Palmersheim to fill the City Council vacancy. Motion carried, all ayes. City Clerk Learn swore in Kevin Palmersheim and he joined the City Council meeting.

### Mowing/Brush Piles

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The Council discussed a complaint about long grass and brush piles around town. The Council noted the grass had been mowed since the complaint had been received and decided to take no action on the brush piles at this time.

### Living in Campers

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The Council discussed a couple of properties in town where they had been told people were living in campers. The Council asked the City Clerk to send the property owners letters informing them of the City ordinance which requires Council permission for anyone to reside in a camper for longer than fourteen days and include a copy of the ordinance.

### City Generator Repair

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Council Member Clark informed the Council that he and Council Member Lahr had looked at the generator's radiator and found two pin hole leaks. Clark noted they tried repairing it with epoxy and will see if that holds. Council Member Lahr also updated the Council on Mike Haar's plans to inspect the generator, noting he would like to put it under load when he tests it.

### Dust Control

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Mayor Fishler reviewed the estimates for dust control from Nutrien Ag and Three Rivers. The Council discussed the streets to be done and blading them before the dust control is put down. Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to approve the quote from Nutrien Ag in the amount of \$1,077.20 for dust control. Motion carried, all ayes.

### Main Street Update

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Mayor Fishler informed the Council that he had talked with Dustin Mead with the Iowa Department of Transportation and the closure of Main Street is on the schedule so work should begin within the next month potentially. The Council discussed the work to be done and signage.

### Brush Dump

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Council Member Lahr informed the Council that the fire department would be burning the brush pile. The Council discussed pushing the brush pile back once it's burned, keeping the brush pushed back, and signage for the area indicating where grass clippings and brush should be placed – similar to those in Manchester. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the purchase of signs for the brush dump. Motion carried, all ayes.

### Ordinance Amending Title IV Chapter 1 "Animal Control" by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Dog Licenses

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Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to waive the second consideration and proceed to the third consideration and final adoption of the Ordinance Amending Title IV Chapter 1 "Animal Control" of the Delaware City Code by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Dog Licenses. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by

Clark to approve the third consideration and final adoption of the Ordinance Amending Title IV Chapter 1 “Animal Control” of the Delaware City Code by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Dog Licenses. Motion carried, all ayes.

#### Department Reports

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Fire/Civil Defense: The Firemen’s Annual Breakfast will be on Father’s Day.

Streets: Council Member Palmersheim asked for a list of streets that need graded. The Council cutting back the grass along the sewer lagoon road.

Park: Council Member Ries informed the Council that Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative is giving \$1,000 to the park project and they have applied for another \$1,000 from their foundation. The city has also received a grant of \$5,000 from the R.J. McElroy Trust for the project. The Council discussed the park improvements.

Water: The City will be flushing hydrants this week. The Council discussed tests needed for water certification.

Sewer: Council Member Clark informed the Council he and Lahr had mowed at the lagoons but haven’t sprayed yet. The Council discussed the number of sheep at the lagoons. Council Member Palmersheim asked about putting red flags on the fence posts by Highway 20 so people driving by know there is a fence around the lagoons.

#### Other Business

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John Hadley discussed his son’s property at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and West Washington and the potential to swap a portion of the alley for a portion of the street. The Council discussed the area and asked Mr. Hadley to mark out the area he was thinking about.

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that he had been approached by someone interested in building a house in Delaware and discussed potential locations with the Council.

The Council discussed the burn pile at 300 East Jefferson Street, noting that none of the garbage and plastic had been removed, and there had been materials other than construction waste added to the pile. The Council further discussed rescinding the motion approved at the May 13, 2023, City Council meeting giving Hadley’s permission to burn construction waste as long as it was only wood at 300 East Jefferson Street, and require them to get a dumpster for the waste pile. Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Clark to rescind the motion approved at the May 13, 2023 City Council meeting approving the burning of the construction waste pile at 300 East Jefferson Street as long as it is only wood that is burnt and done when the wind is blowing away from town; and require that the waste pile be placed in a dumpster within fourteen days. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council also discussed the footings that were recently poured at the Hadley property at 300 East Jefferson Street.

#### Standing Business

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Motion by Ries, seconded by Lahr to approve the following standing business items: minutes of the May 13, 2023 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office May 2023 Report; and the May 2023 Revenue and Expense Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

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

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Erin Learn, City Clerk