

Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, July 8, 2023

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

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

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

John Hadley informed the Council they would like to add on to 216 7<sup>th</sup> Street so they have more living space, noting they were going to stay within the footprint of the existing garage. The Council advised that as long as they were staying within the footprint of garage, they didn't need a permit. Hadley also discussed the proposed location for the fence at the 216 7<sup>th</sup> Street property. Council Member Lahr responded that he and Mayor Fishler had looked at where they had it marked, and there were just two spots by the garage that needed to be moved back a little. Mayor Fishler also noted that a waiver would need to be signed that if the fence was damaged, it was not the City's responsibility. Council Member Ries commented that the dog at 216 7<sup>th</sup> Street jumps the existing fenced area with ease and has been out several times. Mayor Fishler noted that he had received several complaints about the dog too. Hadley responded that they are looking at options to keep the dog contained to the yard.

John Hadley then asked about the Council's concerns with the burn pile at 300 East Jefferson Street. Mayor Fishler responded that other material had been placed in the pile beyond what the City Council had agreed to so they rescinded the permission to burn they had granted. Hadley informed the Council that he had a dumpster coming the next week.

Living in Campers – Follow-up from last meeting

The City Clerk read the response she had received about someone living in the camper at 520 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, noting the property owner says no one is living in the camper. No response had been received from the property owner at 516 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The Council will continue to monitor the campers and discuss again at the next meeting.

City Generator Repair

The Council reviewed the generator report. Council Members Clark and Lahr have done a repair to the radiator. Council Member Palmersheim will also look at the generator to see if he has any ideas on repairs.

Sewer Lagoons/Sheep

Alex Elgin informed the Council that he and his brother had removed the sheep yesterday because they were getting out. Elgin plans to spray the thistles at the lagoons and discussed repairing the fence at the lagoons. The Council discussed options for the fence repair and agreed to get quotes to have the fencing along the south side of the lagoons replaced due to the utilities in the area. Elgin also discussed getting 1<sup>st</sup> Street, which goes back to the lagoons, cleaned up. Council Members Clark and Lahr will talk to the people doing the work along the road to see if they would assist in fixing it.

Main Street Update

Mayor Fishler informed the Council the work on the road closure is almost complete and that the IDOT will place road closed signs and blockades. The IDOT will also have the County hydroseed the area once work is completed.

Brush Dump

Alex Elgin informed the Council that the brush dump will be burned in the next couple of weeks if it isn't too dry out.

## City Picnic – August 12, 2023

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Council Member Ries informed the Council that the City Picnic will be August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at noon.

## August City Council Meeting & Council Meeting Time Change

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The Council discussed switching the date for the August City Council meeting due to some conflicts and also discussed switching the City Council meetings in general to a week night. The Council agreed to switch the August meeting to Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:00pm and will discuss permanently changing the date/time at the August meeting.

## Cell Phone Tower

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Mayor Fishler updated the Council on a potential cell phone tower being located within city limits. The Council discussed concerns with the potential location. Mayor Fishler noted that nothing is happening yet but he wanted to make sure the Council was aware and that he would keep them informed.

## Water Main Extension

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Mayor Fishler informed the Council that a property owner is interested in possibly constructing a “shouse” in city limits but would like City water for the property. Mayor Fishler noted there is currently no water main in front of the property. The Council discussed options and will discuss with the property owner once he finalizes plans. The Council also discussed getting an updated estimate on the cost for the water main extension.

## Department Reports

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Fire/Civil Defense: The breakfast was a success, township taxation checks have been received, and a couple of trucks need serviced.

Streets: For the most part, the streets look good – there are a couple areas that need some work. Mowing and grading work had been completed. Dust control was applied but created a mess so the Council may not do again.

Park: The City received \$2,000 from MVEC for the park project. The merry-go-round is in need of repairs and painting.

Water: The hydrants were flushed a couple of weeks ago.

Sewer: The bent pipe at the lagoons has been repaired. The City needs to find manhole at Cliff Schanbeck’s property and see how deep the sewer is there.

## Other Business

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John Hadley asked about some dead trees along East Jefferson Street and whose responsibility they are. Council Member Lahr will check and see if they are in the City’s right-of-way.

## Standing Business

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Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim to approve the following Standing Business items: minutes of the June 10, 2023 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff’s Office June 2023 Report; and the June 2023 Revenue and Expense Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council discussed with Alex Elgin the status of his water and sewer certifications. Elgin informed the Council that he does not plan to get certified as he does not feel he will make more money. Elgin also expressed frustration with the City’s lack of equipment and other aspects of the position. The Council discussed the future of the position.

Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 9:44am. Motion carried, all ayes.

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Erin Learn, City Clerk