

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mayor Fishler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Council Member Lahr asked is a building permit was needed for a roof replacement. The Council agreed a building permit is not needed for roof replacement.

Dog Issue

Mayor Fishler updated the Council of an issue with a dog on West Washington Street, noting he had received complaints and asked the Delaware County Sheriff to contact the dog owner. Mayor Fishler also informed the Council that the dog owner had since installed an underground fence to contain the dog. The Council discussed the location of the underground fence. The Council also discussed options to ensure dogs are licensed in the city, including putting the license fee on City bills.

Living in Campers

The Council discussed the properties where it appears there are people living in campers and agreed they would like to proceed with enforcing the City ordinance which restricts residing in campers. The Council asked the City Clerk to contact the City Attorney to determine the best way to proceed with enforcement.

Brush Dump

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the brush dump had been burned last week and noted that it was suggest the city burn every three months to keep it from becoming too big. The City Clerk is working on repairing the camera for the brush dump. The Council discussed signage for the brush dump specifying that only compost/brush should be placed at the dump and violators would be fined a minimum of \$250.00. The Council also discussed adding a fee for the brush dump similar to what other cities have. The fee would allow for ongoing maintenance of the site. The City Clerk will prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting, adding a \$1.00 per month fee.

Council Meeting Time Change

The Council discussed changing City Council meetings to a weeknight. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to approve changing the City Council regular meeting date and time to the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

Cell Phone Tower Update

Mayor Fishler updated the Council on the potential cell phone tower location within city limits, noting that it doesn't sound like it will be proceeding.

Water Main Extension Update

The Council discussed the extension of water main to a property on West Washington Street for an owner that is planning to build a shouse. City Operator Dean Hendricks recommended the City have the property owner run a service line to connect to City water as extending the water main would be very expensive to just add one property.

Department Reports

- Fire/Civil Defense: The department's annual Steak Fry will be held on October 28 this year, and they will be raffling two guns.
- Streets: The City will need to buy sand for the streets for this winter.
- Park: The City Picnic is Saturday, August 12. The Council will meet at 8:30am to set-up.
- Water & Sewer: Dean Hendricks updated the Council on operations, noting they have been sampling and that the lead and copper inventory is complete. Hendricks explained the water pressure issue on Monday. Hendricks also stated he would continue to assist the city as affidavit operator as long as he is needed. The Council discussed the City Maintenance position and how to proceed since the current employee stated he is not going to get certified. The Council discussed holding a special meeting to discuss further.

Other Business

- City Picnic – Saturday, August 12 at noon
- Flu Clinic – October 11 from 12:00-1:00pm at St. Paul's Church

The Council discussed the fence repairs around the lagoons and the option to move it off the state right-of-way by five to six feet before replacing. The Council also discussed the thistles at the sewer lagoons.

Council Member Ries informed the Council that Santa will be in Delaware on December 16 at 1:00pm.

Standing Business

Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Lahr to approve the following Standing Business items: the minutes of the July 8, 2023, City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office July 2023 Report; and the July 2023 Revenue and Expense Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Ries, seconded by Palmersheim that the meeting adjourn at 7:37pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk