

Delaware City Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00pm

Call meeting to order

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

Roll Call

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

Also present: Robert Trenkamp, Chad Finnell.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Robert Trenkamp, 105 West Main Street, informed the Council that he was thinking about building a house on his property and asked if the City would consider vacating the street behind his property to allow him more space. The Council discussed the request and were supportive of vacating the street if it was still considered a City street. The Council asked the City Clerk to contact the courthouse to determine if that land behind Trenkamp's property is a street.

Living in Campers

The City Clerk informed the Council that the City Attorney had reviewed the City's ordinance on living in campers and determined it is enforceable. The Council discussed the properties where there appears to be someone living in a camper and decided to take no action at this time.

Brush Dump/Compost Site Fee

The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance establishing rules and setting a monthly fee for the City's brush dump. The Council also discussed the following items: what is allowed to be dumped at the brush dump, burning the brush pile more frequently, and maintaining the area. Chad Finnell noted that he helped at the brush dump after the last burn and commented on the amount of garbage and non-brush material left there. The Council thanked Chad for his work at the brush dump.

Following discussion, motion by Ries, seconded by Palmersheim to proceed with the first consideration and adoption of Ordinance 002-2023 An Ordinance Amending the Delaware City Code by Amending Title VI Chapter 4 Refuse Collection by adding Section 6-4-11 "City Brush Dump." Motion carried, all ayes.

City Maintenance Position

Mayor Fishler informed City Maintenance Alex Elgin that the Council had questions on what Elgin wanted to do regarding his position with the City. Alex Elgin stated that he would like to continue to work for the City but did not want to get certified at this time. The Council discussed with Elgin his job duties, his pay and water testing. Elgin stated he would possibly consider getting certified in the future but was too busy at this time. The Council agreed that Elgin did a great job on snow removal and discussed snow removal operations in the City. The Council also noted that Operator Dean Hendricks had said at the last meeting that he would continue as the City's affidavit operator for as long as the City needed him.

The Council then discussed maintenance needed at the sewer lagoons before the IDNR inspection. The Council also discussed the fence at the lagoons and the need to find goats for the lagoon for next summer.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the Fire Department is beginning planning for an expansion at the Fire Station to include a community room and potentially a city office, and were wondering if the City would consider contributing some funding toward the project. The Council discussed the proposed expansion.

Streets: Discussion was held on heating the shop to keep the sand from freezing and equipment available for Elgin to use to assist in maintain the city streets. The Council discussed the potential of purchasing a skid loader or small tractor in the future. Council Member Lahr noted there are a few streets left to patch.

Park: Council Member Ries noted there was a great turnout for the City picnic this year and thanked the Council for their help getting it set-up. Ries also updated the Council on the park project, and noted that enough funds had been raised to purchase the swing sets, with fundraising to continue for the surfacing and other improvements.

Water: Discussion was held on the generator and if it was still leaking. Council Member Palmersheim will look at the generator with Council Member Clark to determine how to proceed.

Sewer: Elgin informed the Council that the drawdown of the sewer lagoons would be done in October, and that more rock may be needed around the lagoons.

Other Business

The Council noted the upcoming events in Delaware: Fall Clean-Up on September 23, 2023; Flu Clinic on October 11, 2023 from 12-1:00pm; and the City Council Election on November 7, 2023.

Standing Business

Motion by Ries, seconded by Palmersheim to approve the following standing business items: the minutes of the August 8, 2023 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; the Delaware County Sheriff's Office August 2023 Report; the August 2023 Revenue and Expense Report. Motion carried, all ayes.

Adjourn

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 7:49pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk