

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

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

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications/Nuisances

The Council discussed the building permit for 300 East Jefferson Street, noting it would need to be renewed in May 2024 if the work isn't completed. The Council also discussed the trailers and items in the street right of way behind 200 East Jefferson Street and the condition of the shed at that location. Discussions had been held with the property owner earlier in the spring regarding these items but nothing has been done to date. Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to send a second letter to the property owner to have him remove the trailers from the street right-of-way and repair the shed. Motion carried, all ayes.

Robert Trenkamp Land Request – Public Hearing on Vacating Street

Mayor Fishler opened the Public Hearing at 6:13pm on vacating the undeveloped street north of 105 West Main Street. There being no comments to be heard and no written comments on file, Mayor Fishler closed the Public Hearing at 6:14pm.

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to waive the first and second consideration of Ordinance 003-2023 and proceed to the third consideration and final adoption. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to approve the third consideration and final adoption of Ordinance 003-2023 An Ordinance Vacating that portion of the Undeveloped Street described as lying adjacent to the north property line of Lots 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, and 176, Delaware, Iowa according to plat recorded in Book 2 L.D., Pages 488-489. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Ries, seconded by Lahr to set the Public Hearing on the sale of the undeveloped vacated street for December 13, 2023 at 6:00pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

Resolution Approving Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim to adopt R-003-2023 Resolution Approving Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023. Motion carried, all ayes.

Resolution Approving Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023

Motion by Ries, seconded by Clark to adopt R-004-2023 Resolution Approving Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Truck Maintenance

Alex Elgin informed the Council that the truck needs a new started and is at DJ's for repair. The Council discussed other maintenance and repairs needed on the City trucks.

City Shop Improvements/Equipment

The Council discussed pouring concrete in the City Shop building and the possibility of pouring it in sections over a couple of years to spread out the cost. The Council also discussed putting up a lean-to outside to store the sand/salt rather than walling off the City Shop. The Council agreed the concrete and

lean-to would be beneficial and will look to do the project in the spring utilizing local option sales tax monies.

The Council also discussed with Council Member Palmersheim the possibility of renting a skid loader for the winter.

City Office Electric

Updating the electric in the City Hall building for the new furnace was discussed. Due to the delays in Wilson completing the repairs, the Council will get quotes from other electricians to complete the work.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: The annual steak fry went well. Delaware Fire Department will be on automatic aid with the Delhi Fire Department, by doing this both cities ISO ratings will benefit. The department is looking to apply for grants for jaws of life and new bunker gear.

Streets: There are some potholes that need to be patched if the weather warms up otherwise they will need to wait until spring. Zach Fishler and Al Palmersheim bladed the street in front of their properties and it worked well, they've volunteered to assist the City if needed in the future.

Park: ECIA has applied for another grant for the City Park Project. The Council reviewed estimates from Alex Elgin for rubber mulch options for the City Park Project.

Water: None.

Sewer: Alex: working with Dean to address issues in sewer inspection report. IDNR wanted pictures of drainage around lagoons so took pictures. Started discharging last week. Alex: she didn't say anything about the fence, will need to figure that out & sheep. Will also need to budget to spray lagoons with round-up, will take quite a bit. Will also need to address thistles. If do fence in the spring might want to look at extending to lift station. Discussed fence around lagoon, need IDOT permit – have Erin do.

Other Business

Santa will be visiting the Delaware Fire Station on December 16 from 1:00-3:00pm. The county has been contacted about completing the seeding where Main Street was closed.

Standing Business

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

Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 7:42pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk