

Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00pm

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: John & Rose Hadley, John Hadley III, Alex Elgin.

Nuisances

John and Rose Hadley and John Hadley III addressed the Council regarding the letter they received directing them to remove the trailers from the street right-of-way and repair the shed on the property at 200 East Jefferson Street. The Council discussed several items with the Hadleys, including: the removal of the trailers, repairs needed to the shed, gravel placed by the Hadleys on the street right-of-way, other nuisances in the community, and timeframe to complete the work. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim that John Hadley III be given until May 1, 2024 to complete the repairs on the shed and until June 1, 2024 to have the vehicles and everything removed from the street right-of-way for the property at 200 East Jefferson Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council also discussed the property at 130 West Jefferson Street, specifically the trailer and the area between the garage and house that both have junk on them. The Council directed the City Clerk to send a letter to the property owner asking them to clean-up their property.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

None.

Robert Trenkamp Land Request – Public Hearing on Selling Vacated Undeveloped Street

Mayor Fishler opened the Public Hearing at 6:20pm. John Hadley, 300 Jefferson Street, asked about the location of the undeveloped street. There being no further comments to be heard and no written comments on file, Mayor Fishler closed the Public Hearing at 6:25pm. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to adopt Resolution R-005-2023 Resolution Approving Sale of Vacated Undeveloped Street to Robert Trenkamp. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Truck Maintenance

Alex Elgin updated the Council on the repairs done to the City trucks by DJ Repair, noting they are still have problems with the battery. The Council discussed options to address the battery issue.

City Shop Improvements/Equipment

The Council continued discussion on improvements for the City Shop, specifically pouring a concrete floor.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: Elgin informed the Council that a fire truck was damaged and Simon's estimates the repairs to be in the \$8,000 range. The City's insurance company has sent a check based on the estimate and will send additional if the repairs exceed the estimate. The Delaware Fire Department has started automatic aid with the Delhi Fire Department which should provide both communities with a better ISO rating.

Streets: Lahr informed the Council that they got sand from the county and will get bags of salt to mix in with the sand.

Park: Ries thanked Elgin for putting up the lights in the City Park.

Water: None.

Sewer: Elgin updated the Council on potential sludge removal that may need to be done at the sewer lagoons in a few years. Elgin noted that the IDNR may require cities to do inflow and infiltration inspections of their systems so the Council may need to budget for that in the future. Elgin also discussed the IDNR inspection with the Council, specifically the generator needed for the lift station and funding options for that.

Other Business

The City Clerk swore in the City Council. Mayor Fishler made the following appointments: Rick Lahr for Streets, Barb Ries for City Park, Kevin Clark for Sewer, Kevin Palmersheim for Water, and Larry Tibbott for Civil Defense and Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Fishler also informed the Council that he was going to start doing a roll call vote on action items starting with the next meeting.

Standing Business

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

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries that the meeting adjourn at 7:03pm.

Erin Learn, City Clerk