

**Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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: Alex Elgin, Erin Learn.

Nuisances

The Council discussed a complaint received about the number of feral cats on West Washington Street. Learn will check with Manchester's animal control and the other City Clerks in Delaware County to see what they do about cats. The Council also reviewed the City's animal control ordinance and talked about adding cats to the language.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

The Council discussed the property at 100 East Adams Street that has not completed the work under his building permit. The Council asked that the City Clerk follow up with the property owner and request he come to the Council meeting to discuss the status of his project.

Rural County Transportation Grant

The Council discussed the grant and the streets to be included in this year's application for funding. Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to adopt Resolution Establishing Project Priorities for Rural County Transportation Program Application. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Ries to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) Grant Application with Delaware County to assist with the funding for the Seal Coating Street Projects in the City of Delaware, Iowa. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cameras – Brush Dump, Sewer Road

The Council discussed locations for cameras in the City besides the brush dump. Elgin would like to have one on the road to the sewer lagoons. Mayor Fishler informed the Council that Dean Hendricks, the City's water/sewer operator, is recommending that a camera be placed at each water location due to security concerns.

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Lahr to approve the purchase of four cameras and required accessories. On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Council also discussed the brush dump and working with Cliff Schanbeck to make sure he isn't responsible/liable for accidents at the City's brush dump.

Resolution Authorizing Signers on City Bank Account

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to adopt Resolution Authorizing Signers on City Bank Account. On call of roll: Ayes: Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: None. Abstentions: Tibbott. Motion carried.

Park Equipment Quotes

The Council reviewed the quotes for the swing set equipment at the park. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Tibbott to approve the quote of \$7,661.00 from GameTime for the swing set. On call of roll: Ayes: Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ries informed the Council that Chris Aldrich is going to do the repairs to the merry-go-round.

#### Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Budget

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The Council discussed projects/items to be included in the budget. These included the following:

- Concrete for the City shop this spring, with an estimate for the work in total of \$4,000
- Repairs to the sewer fence need to be done this spring, the Council discussed getting an estimate to install the fence from the road to the cells
- Park project
- Televising sewer lines as the IDNR wants the City to televise 25% of the lines annually, estimated cost is \$2,000 a year
- Cast iron water main replacement on East Washington Street and adding a valve, estimated length of the main to be replaced is 1,300 feet
- Starting to set aside funds for a tractor for the City, also look into a community facilities grant for this

#### Department Reports

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Fire/Civil Defense: Potential expansion of the fire station is still being discussed. The department is waiting on Simon's to repair the truck damage.

Streets: There is a problem on Adams Street by the apartments with water bubbling up as the road is saturated, may need to tile the area in the future. Will also want to look at putting tar over the cracks on street.

Park: Nothing further.

Water: Chlorine levels in the water were discussed. Also talked about security concerns for water systems that Delaware County Emergency Management has been informing cities of. The IDNR inspection of the water system went well.

Sewer: Nothing further.

#### Other Business

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Tibbott asked the Council if they'd noticed an unlicensed motorbike/minibike driving around town in the afternoon. The Council asked the City Clerk to contact the sheriff's department to have them check it out.

#### Standing Business

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Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the following standing business items: minutes of the January 10, 2024 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office January 2024 Report; and the January 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. On call of roll: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### Adjourn

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Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries that the meeting adjourn at 7:37pm. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Erin Learn, City Clerk