

**Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Roll call: Kevin Clark, Larry Tibbott, Kevin Palmersheim, Rick Lahr, Barb Ries. Absent: None.  
Also present: Alex Elgin, Mandy Bieber, John Dolan.

Delaware County Emergency Management – Mandy Bieber, Coordinator

Mandy Bieber, Coordinator, informed the Council of the services provided by Delaware County Emergency Management and updated the Council on the activities of Delaware County Emergency Management over the past year.

City Insurance Renewal – John Dolan, Dolan Insurance

John Dolan, Dolan Insurance, reviewed the City's insurance renewal paperwork with the Council, noting the premium increased approximately 11.5% over the prior year.

Nuisances

The Council discussed options for addressing feral cats in Delaware. The Council agreed that catching feral cats on City property would be a method to start addressing the issue. The Council asked that notices be sent to residents informing them to keep their cats collared and contained as the City planned to begin catching feral cats on City property.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim to approve the building permit application of Chad & Jessica Finnell for an addition to their house at 301 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street. On call of roll: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cameras Update

Learn updated the Council on the change in model to the Arlo camera and the price increase. The Council agreed to proceed with two cameras from US Cellular, one for the brush dump and the other for the water building. The Council will see how these work and proceed with additional cameras as needed.

Brush Dump

Mayor Fishler discussed with the Council burning the brush at the brush dump this spring.

Park Project

Council Member Ries updated the Council on the park project and the Park Committee's activities/plans. Ries noted that the City has been awarded a grant from Outrun the Rays for shade structures, an application has been submitted for a drinking fountain/water bottle filling station grant, Travis Burnett is building a little free library for the park, the wooden structure has been removed to make room for the new swing set and a fundraising picnic at the park is being planned for the end of May. The Council discussed the park project and improvements

Set date & time for the Proposed Tax Rate Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Motion by Ries, seconded by Palmersheim to set Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:00pm as the date & time for the Proposed Tax Rate Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) Budget. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## Department Reports

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Fire/Civil Defense: The truck is still waiting on Simon's for repairs. The radios were reprogrammed yesterday by Delaware County E-911. Preparations have started for the annual steak fry. The expansion at the fire station is still being discussed.

Streets: Discussion was held on street repairs needed this spring and options for completing these repairs. Discussion was also held on the City's equipment needs and what would be most beneficial. The Council will discuss an equipment set aside for equipment purchase/update at the next meeting so a reserve can start to be built. Discussion was also held on the concrete work planned for the City shop.

Park: None.

Water: None.

Sewer: The permit application needs to be submitted to the IDOT for the fence repair/clean-up at the sewer lagoons. Discussion was held on the clean-up and repairs needed, approximately 730' of fencing needs to be replaced. Elgin and Fishler will get estimates for the fence replacement. Discussion was held on finding sheep or goats to graze at the lagoons this summer. Dean Hendricks plans to begin drawing down the lagoons mid April.

## Other Business

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Learn informed the Council that she would be switching her office hours to Wednesdays and will make sure to inform residents when that switch happens.

## Standing Business

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Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to approve the following standing business items: minutes of the February 14, 2024 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; the Delaware County Sheriff's Office February 2024 Report; the February 2024 Revenue & Expense Report. On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## Adjourn

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Motion by Clark, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 8:08pm. On call of roll: Ayes: Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Erin Learn, City Clerk