

Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mayor Fishler called the special City Council meeting to order at 6:15pm.

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

Also present: Alex Elgin, Chad Finnell.

Nuisances

The Council discussed nuisance properties. City Clerk Learn noted one of the properties would be getting a dumpster to clean up their property.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

The Council discussed building permits that had expired or would be expiring soon and asked that the property owners be contacted to renew their building permits.

Park Project: Approve purchase of drinking fountain & plumbing quote

Learn informed the Council that the Cit had received a grant in the amount of \$7,697 from the Delta Dental Foundation for a water bottle filling station/drinking fountain and the plumbing work needed to install it. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the quotes for the Elkay water bottle filling station/ drinking fountain and from Don & Walt for the plumbing work needed to install it. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion to set date & time for a Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Ries to set April 24, 2024 at 6:00pm as the date and time for a public hearing on the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving Split of Local Option Sales Tax

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to adopt the Resolution Approving Split of Local Option Sales Tax setting aside 25% for equipment purchase/replacement. On call of roll: Ayes: Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sewer Fence

The permit has been received from the IDOT to work in the right-of-way for the fence repairs needed at the sewer lagoons. Elgin informed the Council he had gotten an estimate from 4J in the amount of \$4/foot plus \$180/corner for the fence work. Elgin noted that they wouldn't be able to get to the work until mid July. Fishler stated that he is still waiting to hear back from Palace on an estimate for the fence work. Fishler also informed the Council that he had met with the DNR last week about mowing requirements at the lagoons. Tibbott stated that he does have someone with sheep who is interested in placing them at the lagoons once the fence is fixed. Discussion was held on getting more fence repair quotes, mowing, and spraying weeds/thistles.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: The fire department is getting ready for their Father's Day Breakfast and they will be selling gun raffle tickets again.

Streets: Lahr reviewed quotes he had gotten for road rock and for reclaim. Discussion was held on hauling, street repair/maintenance options, raising the manhole on West Washington Street.

Park: Ries updated the Council on the picnic to be held at the park, grants received, and plans being discussed for the park updates.

Water: The Council discussed water testing.

Sewer: Elgin informed the Council that they would begin drawing down the sewer lagoons in the next few weeks.

Other Business

Fishler informed the Council that they burnt the pile at the brush dump on Friday.

Elgin asked if the Council might want to look into solar panels as a cost saving measure for the City.

Standing Business

Motion by Ries, seconded by Clark to approve the following standing business items: the minutes of the March 13, 2024 City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office March 2024 Report; and the March 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Ries that the meeting adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion carried, all ayes

Erin Learn, City Clerk