

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mayor Fishler called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Roll call of members present: Kevin Palmersheim, Rick Lahr, Barb Ries, Kevin Clark, Larry Tibbott (present via speakerphone). Absent: None.  
Also present: Cliff Schanbeck.

Building Permit/Livestock Applications

Cliff Schanbeck address the Council regarding the property he owns on West Washington Street, noting he was planning to place a building on the property and asked if the City would be willing to sell a lot adjacent it. The Council discussed the request with Schanbeck the option to exchange lots, vacating the alley and having an easement to the brush dump. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim to have the Clerk start the paperwork needed to exchange lots, vacate the alley and have an easement drafted giving the City access to the brush dump. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nuisances

Learn updated the Council on the nuisance properties. The Council agreed that she could work with the City Attorney to assess the fines against the property owners.

The Council discussed the fire at 101 West Washington Street. Motion by Clark, seconded by Lahr to waive the City bill for the property starting in December since the house was a complete loss. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Repairs Update

The Council reviewed an update from Operator Dean Hendricks. The update included the following information: Northway has sent the lift station pump information into the City's insurance company and believe the repair will be covered under the mechanical failure clause. There will be some costs for an hour meter and a starter but those will be minimal. The well on the west end of town has a bad check valve and needs to be replaced. Northway believes the cost will be \$2,000 or less. The work consists of replacing the check valve and pipe between the well side and flow meter to eliminate the water hammer we're experiencing currently. He has borrowed a hydrant pressure valve from IRWA to use when they do the work to try and keep pressure to the town.

City Code Update

Learn updated the Council that the City Code update is not required until 2026.

Department Reports

Fire: The Council discussed the house fire in town.

Streets: Fishler informed the Council that the wear bar is about done on the plow and one of the shoes is missing, and provided the Council with the quote from Steve Moyle Masonry to replace those. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Ries to accept the quote of \$699.36 from Steve Moyle Masonry for the plow parts. On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fishler also discussed with the Council an opportunity to purchase a blade for the other City truck. They are looking into whether it will work on the truck and will bring further information at the next meeting.

Palmersheim informed the Council that he had talked to someone about the reclaim the City was interested in purchasing and the company has a big project they might use it on so they may not have any to sell.

Parks: Ries updated the Council on the lights at the park and the tree lighting. Ries informed the Council that there were 46 kids at the Santa visit the past weekend. Learn informed the Council that the City had received \$3,000 from the Outrun the Rays grant.

Water/Sewer: No further update.

#### Other Business

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None.

#### Standing Business

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Motion by Ries, seconded by Lahr to approve the following standing business items: the minutes of the November 13, 2024 City Council meeting & the November 21, 2024 Special City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office November 2024 Report; and the November 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. On call of roll: Ayes: Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Palmersheim that the meeting adjourn at 6:47pm. On call of roll: Ayes: Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Erin Learn, City Clerk