

**Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 17, 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.

Nuisances

Mayor Fishler updated the Council on mowing nuisances in town. Motion by Tibbott, seconded by Ries to send another notice to the owner of 320 West Washington Street giving him seven days to mow the lot he owns across from his house and if not mowed within seven days to cite him with a municipal infraction of \$100 per day up to \$750. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Council discussed with John and Rose Hadley the status of the removal of the trucks from the City's right of way and the repair of the shed. John stated that there was only one truck still in the City's right of way and that they were moving the trucks/trailers to their land beside the house they have constructed. John also noted they are working on getting the shed cleared out to fix it up. Hadley's requested an extension to the end of August 2024 to complete both the removal of the trucks and the shed improvements. The Council agreed to extend the deadline to the end of August 2024.

City Clerk Learn noted that another complaint on feral cats had been received. The Council will talk to Kevin Ostrander about assisting with live trapping the cats.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Lahr to approve the building permit application from Kevin Ostrander for a portable structure on his property. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Crystal Haar asked about planting trees around her property and asked how far from the street she needed to plant them. The Council advised her to go 40 feet from the center of the street.

Approval of Delaware County Secondary Roads Agreement for a Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) Project for the City of Delaware Seal Coating Streets Project (Agreement DELCO-DELAWARE-RCTP-2025-01)

Motion by Clark, seconded by Palmersheim to approve the Delaware County Secondary Roads Agreement for a Rural County Transportation Program Project for the City of Delaware Seal Coating Streets Project (Agreement DELCO-DELAWARE-RCTP-2025-01). On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Park Project: Mulch, swings, sand

Council Member Ries informed the Council that she was approached by members of the Fire Department who told her that the flags placed for the proposed swing set were on fire department land and would need to be moved. The Council discussed the swing set location, noting the land all belongs to the City of Delaware and that the placement of the swing set in the proposed location would not impede the Fire Department's planned expansion or operations. The Council agreed the location of the swing set was fine.

Ries further discussed with the Council plans for the first phase of the park project, noting a workday was being planned in August. The Council reviewed the estimate for the bench swings the Park Committee would like to purchase for the park through the Outrun the Rays grant that the City had received. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Tibbott to approve the purchase of two covered bench swings from Lowes at a total cost of \$1,398.00 plus shipping. On call of roll: Ayes: Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports

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Fire/Civil Defense: Mayor Fishler informed the Council that the Fire Department was starting to plan for their expansion. The Council discussed the process for the expansion since it is a city owned facility. The Council asked to have a representative from the Fire Department come to the next meeting to discuss their plans.

Streets: Council Member Lahr informed the Council that reclaim had put on some streets and that he would be working with Prairie Road Builders to coordinate the work that was part of the RCTP Grant the City received.

Park: Council Member Ries noted that the Park Committee was working with the new owners at the racetrack to potentially have a movie night there as a fundraiser for the park.

Water: The Council discussed the water testing responsibilities, noting it was going well with Zach Fishler doing most of the testing. The Council discussed potentially compensating him a little for his time.

Sewer: Mayor Fishler noted that Northway had not pulled the lift station pump yet but it seems to be working ok. The Council also discussed rings for around the sewer manholes, the fencing and the sheep.

#### Standing Business

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Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the following standing business items: minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular City Council meeting; payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff's Office June 2024 Report; June 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. On call of roll: Ayes: Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott that the meeting adjourn at 7:36pm. Motion carried, all ayes.

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Erin Learn, City Clerk