

Minutes of the Delaware City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

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

Also present: Dean Hendricks, Duane Elgin, Clyde Ries, Tanya Burnett, Michelle Evers, Chad Finnell, John & Rose Hadley.

City Park Project

Discussion was held on the proposed location for the new swing set. The fire department was concerned because it was on their land. The Council noted that the land all belonged to the City of Delaware. Council Member Lahr proposed moving the swing set three feet as a compromise. Council Member Ries asked what the fire department's expansion plans were. Fire Chief Duane Elgin responded that it was dependent upon what the Council decided for the swing set location. Assistant Chief Finnell stated he would donate the dirt work needed in the park but only if the Council decided to move the swing set three feet.

The Council went out to the park to review the location and agreed to move the location for the swing set.

Discussion was held on the fire department's expansion plans. City Clerk Erin Learn noted that, depending on the scope of the project, it would need to be put out to bid. The Council asked that the fire department bring plans for the fire station once they have them formalized.

Council Member Ries informed the Council that a workday for the City Park would be held on August 24, 2024.

The Council reviewed bids for rubber mulch for the City Park. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Tibbott to approve the bid of Nelson Tire Recycling in the amount of \$6,380.00 for rubber mulch. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Building Permit Applications/Livestock Applications

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lahr that the building permit and livestock permit for Crystal and Mikael Haar at 211 East Jefferson Street. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nuisances

The Council discussed the ongoing issue with feral cats. A resident is live trapping the cats for the City to assist in reducing the number in town.

John Hadley addressed the Council regarding 200 East Jefferson Street, noting his son is on the road working and will not be back until the middle of September to work on the property. John requested an extension to the end of September for him to complete the work. Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Ries to approve an extension on the nuisance concerns until September 30, 2024. On call of roll: Ayes: Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve the bid of Prairie Road Builders in the amount of \$21,322.60 to seal coat the roads identified in the RCTP grant

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Clark to approve the bid of Prairie Road Builders in the amount of \$21,322.60 to seal coat the roads identified in the RCTP grant. On call of roll: Ayes: Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: No report.

Streets: Council Member Lahr noted that there a few holes that will need reclaim placed in them this fall.

Park: Council Member Ries discussed the park workday with the Council.

Water: Operator Hendricks informed the Council that there has been an issue with an injector pump at the well that he is working with Zach Fishler to resolve.

Sewer: Operator Hendricks updated the Council on the pump that is going bad at lift station. Hendricks informed the Council that he was going to need to raise his monthly rate from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 due to the cost of fuel and his liability insurance. Motion by Ries, seconded by Clark to approve the monthly rate of \$1,000.00 for Water and Sewer Operator Dean Hendricks. On call of roll: Ayes: Palmersheim, Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Council also discussed manhole risers.

Other Business

- City Picnic/Park Ribbon Cutting – September 8

Council Member Ries informed the Council that the City picnic and park ribbon cutting would be Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 11am-1pm, with the ribbon cutting being held at noon.

Standing Business

- Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular City Council meeting
- Approve payment of the bills
- Delaware County Sheriff's Office July 2024 Report
- July 2024 Revenue and Expense Report

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the standing business items. On call of roll: Ayes: Lahr, Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Ries that the meeting adjourn at 7:28pm. On call of roll: Ayes: Ries, Clark, Tibbott, Palmersheim, Lahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Erin Learn, City Clerk