

**VILLAGE OF DELTA
VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Wilton

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wilton

Employee's present: Stephanie Mossing (Finance Director), Kevin Heban (Law Director), Andy Glenn (Administrator), Marlena Allwood (Income Tax Commissioner), Drew Walker (Sergeant), and Robert Austin (Police Chief)

Visitors present: John Bay, Sandy R. Schwieterman (NW Signal), Tim Cowden, Jesse Davis (Village Reporter), Hailey Lueck, John and Marliese Doyle, Eric Waldron, Doug Eicher, Clarence Trzaska and Allen Naiber

ROLL CALL—Present: Ashley Todd, Lynn Frank, Tony Dawson, Robert Shirer, Art Thomas, and Chad Johnson

A motion was made by Lynn Frank, seconded by Tony Dawson to add Resolution #23-19 (left off the agenda accidentally) to the agenda for October 16, 2023. All votes yea, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

- Council Meeting October 2, 2023

A motion was made by Lynn Frank, seconded by Ashley Todd to approve the October 2, 2023, council minutes. Frank – Yea, Todd – Yea, Dawson – Yea, Shirer – Yea, Thomas – Abstain, Johnson - Yea. Motion carried.

Presentation: Village Administrator

Mr. Glenn gave a presentation explaining the water and sewer rate increases at this time.

Public addressing council:

Hailey Lueck, 7550 Co Rd H, asked how long council and the Village has known about the issues for the water and sewer plants.

Mr. Glenn explained that the prior administrator had made it clear that the rates had to go up to get things fixed. Mr. Johnson commented that he has been with the council for 4 years and there have been conversations that the water rates were going to have to be increased because there was a lot of work to be done.

Ms. Lueck asked if there was a consideration of a staggered increase in the water and sewer rate increases depending on the usage. She told the council that she thought that would be fair.

Mr. Glenn said that the Village did look at that and the utility billing would be a nightmare trying to implement all the different rates.

John Bay asked if the debt service was being paid by the ½% income tax. Mr. Glenn explained that the \$31.00 service fee is paying the debt service. Mr. Bay thought that the Village voted in a ½% income tax for the reservoir and once that was paid off it was re-voted on and then applied to the water debt. Mr. Glenn said that the income tax goes into the General Fund and none to the Water Fund. Mr. Bay asked council what they thought, and asked does the ½% go to debt service? Mr. Wilton commented that he understood that the 1 ½% income tax went straight into the General Fund. Ms. Mossing explained there is a split between the General Fund, Capital Fund, and the Park Fund for the income tax. She explained that 33% used to go to the Water Fund but the council changed the Ordinance pertaining to the split.

Councilman Johnson asked if we could investigate the history of the income tax for the next meeting.

Village Administrator

- A written report was submitted to the council.
- Thursday staff meetings were discussed with Superintendents beginning to come to council meetings in November.
- The street department is catching up on things before leaf collection starts.
- Water department is jar testing to confirm what needs to be used for pre-treatment and submitted report to EPA

- Sewer SBR's jet pump was inoperable, completely clogged, cleaned it out and it didn't work. To replace will cost \$32,000. The other 2 jets will have to be sent out to be refurbished.
- Mr. Demaline has been working in public works and trying to get the system flushed.
- Mr. Glenn recommends that we contract with Klumm Brothers to demolish the pool.

A motion was made by Art Thomas, seconded by Ashley Todd to approve contracting Klumm Brothers to demolish the pool. All votes yea, motion carried.

Finance Director:

- Approval of invoices as presented.
- Income Tax report was submitted to the council for September.
- Delta Chicken Festival raised \$11,415 for 2023.
- 2024 budget summary was submitted to the council.
 - Ashley Todd asked for a finance committee meeting to be scheduled before the next council meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Lynn Frank asked about the check written to Fulton County for August and September water usage and what it was for. Mossing said to purchase water from Fulton County. Mr. Johnson asked if we would get billed for the water and then we would sell the water to the users of that water. Mr. Glenn explained the water we sell to the users is at the same rate as the rest of the Village and that we are going to be keeping track of the water that we purchase versus the water that we are providing for the users of that water.

A motion was made by Lynn Frank, seconded by Robert Shirer to approve the invoices in the amount of \$169,962.78. All votes yea, motion carried.

Old Business:

Resolution #23-19: To execute an amendment for Indigent Defense Services
 A motion was made by Frank, seconded by Shirer to authorize the Village Administrator to execute an amendment to the agreement for indigent defense

services in Fulton County court proceedings on its 2nd reading. All votes yea, motion carried.

New Business:

Ordinance #23-13: Not to collect tax levy to operate a municipal pool. A motion was made by Dawson, seconded by Todd to read Ordinance 23-13 for a 1st reading. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Shirer to notify the Fulton County Auditor that a tax levy passed specifically for operating a municipal pool shall not be collected for the five-year term as specified in the ballot language unless this ordinance is repealed during said term and declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #23-14: Declaring certain property as surplus and not needed. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Shirer to allow for the disposal of certain property as surplus and not needed for any municipal purpose on its 1st reading. All votes yea, motion carried.

Next regular Council Meeting November 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Dawson, seconded by Shirer to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All votes yea, motion carried.

Mayor Frank Wilton

Clerk of Council