

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building

January 26, 2009

President McGoron opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp. All members of Council were present.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Diehm. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mayor Collins swore in new Police Officer Jason Husband and welcomed him to the community.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #08-31 by title only.

ORDINANCE #08-31 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Mr. Comer moved that Ordinance #08-31 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. ORDINANCE #08-31 was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-03 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-03 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Mr. Comer moved to proceed to the third and final reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 9, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-04 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-04 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK CHIEF OF POLICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read.

Mr. Comer moved to proceed to the third and final reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 9, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-05 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-05 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Mr. Comer moved to proceed to the third and final reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 9, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the December 2008 Auditor and Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Safety

Mr. Allen presented the highlights from the December 2008 Police Department Report. Mr. Allen reported that the Deer Park Deli had recently been robbed.

Public Works

Mr. Tegenkamp reported that the trimming and removal of trees in the park using the funds from FEMA had been completed.

Visitor Comments

Resident Ruth Petrik, 8215 Lake Avenue, stated that she was concerned about the City's neighborhoods deteriorating, citing the lack of leaf removal by residents, garbage on nearby rental properties and blatant disrespect for neighbors and their property.

Resident Peggy Stephens, 4157 Linden Avenue, stated that her concerns were safety issues: sidewalks in need of repair, dangerous crosswalks and either the lack of snow removal on the sidewalks or the covering of sidewalks with snow from removal at businesses.

Mr. Comer explained that Council had just passed an ordinance for a property maintenance code that will help curb some of these situations.

Mr. Berens stated that a Safe Routes To School Grant study was going to evaluate the crosswalks and sidewalks in the community.

Without further business to be brought before Council at the time, Mr. Comer moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Pat McGoron,
President of Council

Laura Hughes,
Clerk of Council