

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
September 8, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Mr. Hall. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 Council Meeting and the September 2, 2014 Committee Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

July Auditor and Treasurer's Reports

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the July Auditor and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

August 2014 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the August 2014 Income Tax report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 2014-15 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2015

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2014-15**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Rapp. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – nay, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2014-16 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK CHIEF OF POLICE AND AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2015

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2014-16**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – nay, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – nay, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2014-17 APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF DEER PARK, OHIO AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

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Safety Committee

August 2014 Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Donnellon reported that the police department responded to a total of 799 citizen's calls for service during the month of August, 2014. 1st shift had 218 calls, 2nd shift had 353 calls and 3rd shift had 284 calls. Please be cautious driving as school is back in session. President Comer mentioned that sadly, heroin use is on the rise.

July 2014 Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lehane presented the July 2014 fire board report. There were 48 Fire runs and 169 EMS runs for a total of 217. For the year 2014 so far there have been 404 fire runs and 1,278 EMS runs for a total of 1,682. Mr. Lehane attended the recent Fire Board meeting and reminded all that Chief Newman is retiring soon. Assistant Chief Denny Meador is being promoted to Fire Chief. Testing will be put together soon to replace Assistant Chief Meador's position.

Public Works Committee

Chamberlin Park Storm Damage

Mr. Berens reported that a tree in the park fell during a recent storm near the Veteran's Memorial and tennis courts. The branch was able to be cleaned up however the tree is so badly damaged that it needs to be removed. We do not have this type of equipment so Mr. Berens contacted local businesses for bids and the company Gregory Forrest Lester, who has won bids in the past, was the lowest bid at \$3200.00. Mr. Tassell asked if more damage needs addressed in regards to the fence. Mr. Berens stated that the fence does need repair. Also, a volunteer, who was instrumental in getting in the minute man, will be removing it to refinish it, as it has aged, at no cost to the city. The flag pole near the time capsule broke and needs repair after it got wet. It can be filled in with concrete. Granite is very costly however so we are trying to find a less expensive way.

Skilled Laborer Position Filled with New Hire

Mr. Tassell announced that with the retirement of Chris Brinkman we now have a new skilled laborer. Jason Osborne of Blue Ash has joined the Service Department. Mr. Osborne is a US Navy Veteran and has a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State University, has been a grounds manager and was previously employed by Bloomin Garden Center. Mr. Osborne will be a great help to us in the Service Department. Ron Schwettman is taking Chris Brinkman's previous position.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board Report

Mr. Perin reported that many great things are happening at Chamberlin Park with the Park Board!

1. Planning is underway for a car show tentatively planned for September 19, 2015. Resident Mr. Shaughn Dailey has volunteered to organize this event. The car show will be held in the parking lot by the Community Center and into the park as needed for more space.

2. Soccer season has started. All games are played on weekends. Practices are held during the week however concessions are only open on the weekends
3. The Pumpkin Fest is scheduled for Saturday October 4. More details to come.
4. Mr. Perin is working with Mrs. Janet Kelly on 2015 event scheduling and the only new change, other than the car show, is that the Wiffleball Tournament will be moved up to July 25 and 26.
5. The Natureworks grant is in process. If awarded we will add a third tennis court and two batting cages. We are working in cooperation with Deer Park Schools regarding the tennis courts as the high school tennis team cannot use their own courts for home games. This grant will also help pay to repair a water drainage problem that is near Diamond 3. Our portion of the project is will be 25% of the \$24,000 cost.
6. The Days in the Park festival was a huge success! Just under \$25,000 was made. The most in donations ever at \$11,000 in donations came in from local businesses and were the most donations ever! All three days were well attended. Lots of positive feedback regarding the bands was received regarding this year's festival despite some doubting of a few citizens about Prizoner's ability to be a successful Saturday night band.

Mr. Perin would like to thank the following for their hard work on the festival and stated that we could not have done this without them:

- The Park Board; Nancy Woebkenberg, Donna Reno, Tom Reno, Amy Hathorn, Dan Newman, Jake Preston.
- Neal Bailey, Joe Bailey and Karen Kellums – Volunteer Organizer, who were there the entire weekend.
- Linda Rudolph, John Applegate, Karen Applegate, Mr. Jim Lenihan, DJ Lehane, Dennis Walker, Ron Schwettman, Chris Dozier and Brian Kemp.
- The Deer Park Police Department; Chief Schlie, Lt. Farmer, Lt. McCormick.
- The Madeira Explorers, who spent the night all weekend to provide security and guarded the roped off fireworks area to ensure safety.
- Deer Park City Community Schools; Jeff Langdon, Larry Knapp, Rob Hamaan and Football Coach Larry Kozlowski for organizing booths of workers.
- Fire Department; Chief Don Newman, assistant Chief Denny Meador, Ray Healy – inspector for the fireworks.
- Mike Berens, Janet Kelly and Brenda Reinert from our city offices.
- Keith Andrews and Liz Rising from Kenwood Baptist Church, who have been a big part of our festival for several years and we absolutely could not do this without them!
- Mayor Collins, John Donnellon - Council Rep to the Park Board and thanks to City Council.
- Anyone who volunteered or attended the festival! A big thank you!

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – Shawn Gavin 4125 St. John's Terrace

Mr. Gavin asked for clarification regarding Ordinance 2014-15 by asking what years this covered. President Comer advised 2014 through 2015. Mr. Gavin asked if it was retroactive and asked what the salary amount will be. President Comer advised that yes it is retroactive back to January 1, 2014 and the salary amount will be \$99,544.00 with no raise for 2015.

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Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Mrs. Seitz read a letter inviting council to the Ohio Municipal League's conference taking place in Columbus on October 8, 9 and 10. There is a cost which varies by how many dates and times are attended. Registration forms will be given to Mr. Berens if anyone is interested in attending.

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes mentioned that with the sexually oriented business ordinance, which was discussed at last week’s committee meeting, there is a 1000 foot distance rule from certain types of businesses. Mr. Helmes is going to look into this further by speaking with other smaller communities on how they have handled this issue.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Collins reminded all that Chris Brinkman has retired and Ron Schwettman is the new foreman. Jason Osborne has been hired to the Service Department. Carol Brim is the new part time tax office clerk. The Ohio Municipal League cookout and meeting is September 29 at the shelter in Evendale.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council