

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
July 7, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Comer announced that there was a change in tonight's agenda. No executive session will take place tonight. Mr. Helmes later stated an executive session will take place at next week's council meeting. Mr. Berens is on vacation and Mayor Collins will be filling in this evening.

Legislative and Finance Committee

Tax Review Board

Mrs. Hedger stated that the announcement of who will be on the Tax Review Board is still pending. Mayor Collins announced that he is waiting on one person to respond regarding their participation. The decision will be announced at the July 14 council meeting.

June 2014 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger advised that the June 2014 Income Tax Report will be passed at the July 14 council meeting.

2014-8 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Mrs. Hedger advised that the 3rd and final reading of the 2014-8 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget will be at the July 14 council meeting.

Council Chambers Audio System Quote

Mayor Collins stated a quote of \$14,000 was given for an audio system. Mrs. Hedger stated this would be too expensive. Mrs. Hedger reminded those who cannot hear from the back are welcome to move closer to the front and suggested that speakers speak louder as needed.

1103.4 (a) Planning and Zoning Commission Update

Mr. Helmes announced that a proposed amendment is being made of an existing ordinance of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Currently the commission states that all 5 members of the Commission must be residents of the Deer Park however the State of Ohio statute states that only 3 of the 5 members must be residents and the commission should also include the Mayor and the Safety Service Director.

Mr. Helmes also mentioned that on 7/17/14 a hearing will take place due to an appeal regarding the firearms business variance.

Safety Committee

June 2014 Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Hall announced that the June 2014 Police Report will be given at the July 14 council meeting.

June 2014 Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Hall announced that the June 2014 Fire Report will be given at the July 14 council meeting.

Police Officer Entrance Examination

Mayor Collins stated the civil service exam will take place in August as the list of previous candidates has expired. Mayor Collins announced that Officer Campbell is leaving for another position at Great Oaks to be an instructor. Mrs. Hedger mentioned that Lt. McCormick may retire soon to which Mayor Collins replied that it may be in November. Mr. Tassell expressed that Officer Campbell has maintained a great a relationship with the children of Deer Park and wondered who could be that resource going forward. President Comer advised that the Chief of Police would appoint a replacement as School Resource Officer.

Public Works Committee

MacNicholas Storm Water Pipe Repair Estimate

Mr. Tassell updated on the progress stating that micro work is being looked into rather than broader work and we are still waiting to hear how this will be done.

2015 Salt Bid

President Comer noted that the bid has gone up. Mr. Tassell also saw the bid and thanked other neighboring communities for helping us out in the past.

Crosswalk

Mayor Collins mentioned that, after several phone calls from residents, there is a concern with people crossing Blue Ash Road in front of John's Carry Out while visiting the park. He saw a great solution used at a crosswalk in front of the Blue Ash Golf Course which lights up the entire crosswalk, even in the bright daylight, by lights that flicker but is not sure what the cost for something like this would be but did add that safety is a priority over cost. Mr. Tassell mentioned that through the Blue Ash Road project with OKI maybe the funds could possibly be available to help with this. Mr. Lehane will contact Blue Ash Council to see what the cost is.

Park Board

Mr. Perin reported that the Days in the Park Festival is August 1 – 3. Donations from area businesses have brought in \$5200.00 with more still coming in. Signs have been placed all around the city. At the July 14 council meeting the Chamberlin Park office will be dedicated to Pat Rovekamp.

Schedule:

City Council Meeting, Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:00pm

Park Board Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00pm

Announcements

Mayor Collins announced that there will be no second council meeting in July or August.

The Days in the Park Festival will take place Friday – Sunday August 1 – 3.

The Wiffle Ball Tournament is scheduled for Friday – Saturday August 8 – 9.

Mrs. Hedger recognized that the Auditor and Treasurer received an award from the State of Ohio for exemplary financial reporting for the year 2013.

Mayor Collins stated that the contract for health services was received from Hamilton County Public Health. The cost is \$6451.64. This is the first increase in 6 years. This will be given to Mr. Berens and legislation will be prepared if needed.

Mr. Tassell brought up House Bill 92 and distributed communication he received from an April Interested Party meeting at Senator Jones' office regarding the needle exchange program. The communication has new language in the -1 version of the bill which grants the governing authority of the city, village or township in which the program is to be located 30-days in which to deny the syringe exchange program in that location.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council