

City of Deer Park  
City Council Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building  
January 5, 2015

Mrs. Hedger, President of Council Pro Tem, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Guests**

#### **Chief Michael Schlie - Police / Citizen Recognition – Child Endangering Investigation**

Chief Schlie recognized two employees of Marco's Pizza and two Police department employees for their actions and efforts on December 14, 2014, Mr. Brian Taylor and Mr. Tyler Grubenhoff, employees of Marco's Pizza, witnessed two very small children in diapers, ages 2 and 3, wandering down Galbraith Road unsupervised in 41 degree weather after midnight. Deer Park Police were called where Dispatcher Josey Huneke took the call. Police Officer Ryan Faehr, dispatched to the scene, was able to make sure the children were safe and locate the home where the children wandered from. The children were safely placed with a relative and Hamilton County Child Protective Services was called and is currently investigating along with the Deer Park Police Department. Chief Schlie stated that the lives of these two small children were quite possibly saved due to the quick and calm actions of those recognized who took action to help.

#### **Mike Chambers, Regional Account Manager, Utility Service Partners**

Mr. Berens stated that he has been speaking with the National League of Cities who offers a Service Line Warranty Program, an insurance that covers the repair of utility lines from the street to gas and water meters for property owners if something were to happen. Mr. Mike Chambers from National League of Cities spoke to advise what the program offers and explained that the cost to a homeowner is \$5.75 per month for water line and \$7.75 per month for sewer line protection. A 10% discount will be given if homeowner pays upfront. There is no cost to the city and NLC handles all of their own customer service.

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **Resolution 2015-01 NLC Service Line Warranty Program**

Mr. Berens stated that if decided, Resolution 2015-01, will be on the agenda for the December 12<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Mr. Tassell will do some additional research before next week's meeting.

#### **December 2014 Income Tax Report**

Mr. Berens announced that we are a down a few percent from last year. The December 2014 Income Tax Report is in the mailboxes and will be discussed further at the City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **December NW JEDZ Report**

Mr. Berens announced that the JEDZ Report will be discussed further at the City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. \$279,802.47 has been distributed to Sycamore Township so far and 10% of that goes to Deer Park.

#### **November 2014 Auditor and Treasurer's Reports**

The November 2014 Auditor and Treasurer's Report will be discussed further at the City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ordinance # 2015-02 - Temporary Appropriation Ordinance**

Mr. Berens stated that Ordinance # 2015-02 - Temporary Appropriation Ordinance, the temporary budget for the first 2 months of the year, will be on the agenda at the City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **December 2014 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the December 2014 fire district monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on January 12<sup>h</sup>.

### December 2014 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Berens stated that the December 2014 police department monthly report is in the mailboxes and will be given at next week's City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### Redmont Avenue Improvement Project Update

Mr. Berens stated that the Redmont Avenue improvement project has fallen behind due to weather. The project will resume in the spring though some drainage work may be done over the winter.

#### 2014 Leaf Collection Update

Mr. Berens stated that the last leaf collection was done in mid December 2014. 504 cubic yards were picked up last year. Brush chipping is now done and taken to compost which keeps it out of the landfills.

#### Blue Ash Road Improvement Project Open House January 26, 2015 at 6:00pm

Mr. Berens stated that engineers will be here for an open house before the January 26 City Council meeting to discuss the Blue Ash Road improvement project and receive input from residents and City Council.

### **Other Boards or Committees with a Report**

#### Park Board - ODNR NatureWorks Grant

Mr. Berens announced that we have been awarded a grant through Hamilton County from NatureWorks. We were 1 of 4 projects in the state that were funded. This will provide us with three new tennis courts in Chamberlin Park where the Deer Park High School Tennis Team can now host home games. The Park Board is going to level match. Future discussions will take place regarding new batting cages which the grant will not cover for now.

### **Schedule**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m.
- Park Board Meeting Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Open House at 6:00 p.m.)

### **Announcements**

Mr. Helmes announced the Mayor's Court totals for 2014. \$37,940 - Total, (\$3065.00 – Computer Funds, \$1,533.00 – Chemical Analysis - \$5321.00- State.) \$28,000 - approximate total to Deer Park.

#### **Executive Session – RE:** To Discuss FOP Wage and Benefits Agreement

At 7:45 p.m., Mr. Tassell motioned to retire to executive session to discuss Contract Negotiations – Compensation and Benefits, including only the five council members, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Collins, Pro Tem President Hedger, Mrs. Seitz, Mr. Helmes, Mr. Todd, Alex Ewing and Lauren Hunter. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

At 8:36 p.m., Mr. Perin motioned to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.