

City of Deer Park  
City Council Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building  
February 2, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **January 2015 Income Tax Report**

Mr. Berens announced that the January 2015 Income Tax Report shows it is down from last year.

#### **January 2015 NW JEDZ Report**

Mr. Berens announced that the JEDZ Report for January shows a gross of \$63,581.00. Sycamore Township distribution was \$54,362.35. Deer Park received 10% which is \$6,040.00.

#### **Ordinance #2015-03 Authorizing Legislation for the Blue Ash Road Project**

Mr. Berens announced that legislation, #2015-03 an ordinance giving consent to the director of transportation to complete the Blue Ash Road improvement project, will be presented at the February 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

#### **Ordinance #2015-04 2015 Appropriation Ordinance**

Mr. Berens announced that #2015-04 Appropriation Ordinance will be presented at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting.

#### **Student Government Night**

Mrs. Hedger noted that she has left several messages for the high school Government teacher regarding planning Student Government Night, tentatively planned for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and has not heard back yet and will call again or stop by the school. Mr. Perin added that Mock Trial was not done as in years past so perhaps this may be the case for Student Government Night.

#### **Proclamation Recognizing Amber Park for Perfect Score on 2014 State's Survey**

Mr. Berens announced that at the February 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting that a Proclamation will be presented by Mayor Collins to Amber Park for achieving a perfect score on the 2014 state survey. Mr. Perin requested that a press release be made to share this positive news with our community.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **January 2015 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the January 2015 fire district monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **January 2015 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the January 2015 police department monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Hamilton County Sheriff's Lt. Daniel Ems, to address Council 2/9/15**

Mr. Berens announced that Lt. Daniel Ems from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be at the February 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to announce that the sheriff's office is seeking highly motivated and qualified candidates, both deputy and civilian staff, to fill numerous positions.

#### **First Financial Bank Robbery Update**

Mr. Berens announced that the all three bank robber suspects are now in custody as the third suspect was recently apprehended.

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Auction Surplus Equipment – Dump Truck and Leaf Machine**

Mr. Berens announced that some of our old equipment including the dump truck and leaf machine will be auctioned on the Hamilton County auction site in the near future. This will require legislation.

### **Part –Time Summer Help**

Mr. Berens announced that it is time to hire summer help. It is preferred that we hire the same helpers each summer, if possible, since we have them for about 6 summers during high school and college as they've already been trained and know what to do on the first day. We try to hire residents of the city/school district due to their living close. Their time here lasts for 90 days and is 40 hours per week paying \$9.75 per hour. Their job includes backing up the Service Department by repairing potholes, tarring streets, cutting grass, cleaning toilets, spending lots of time working in the park, helping with the festival. Mr. Perin asked if we could have 3 summer hires as the department is so busy but Mr. Berens stated that the budget only allows for two. Mr. Perin complimented the summer hires from years past stating that they were a huge help for the festival set up and break down.

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

**Park Board Report** – None

**CIC Board** – Mr. Berens stated that State Audits will begin next week and that a report will be done.

## **Schedule**

City Council Meeting, Monday, February 09, 2015, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

City Council Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Meeting Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Perin motioned to retire to executive session to discuss Wage and Benefits Agreements including only council members, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Collins, President Comer, Mrs. Seitz, Mr. Helmes and Mr. Todd. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

At 7:53 p.m., Mrs. Hedger motioned to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

## **Announcements**

Mayor Collins read a letter he received from the Deer Park High School Bowling Team concerning Strikes and Spares Bowling Alley, where they play their home games, and asking for help to keep it open. There is an ownership dispute currently between the owner of Rusty's Restaurant and Strikes and Spares as there is only one owner on the loan and two owners on the deed of the building. There is an auction taking place in March. Mr. Perin suggested that maybe someone could mediate between the two owners as Strikes and Spares is important to keep open for the city and the city will only suffer further if it also closes. There are also negotiations to possibly have someone buy both businesses and keep them running. Mr. Berens noted that this is a civil matter between the owners and there's not much that can be done by City Council.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council