

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
August 10, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Perin made a motion to excuse Mr. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Council Meeting and the August 3, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Mayor Donnellon presented a Proclamation to Sycamore High School Student, Art Kumthekar, recognizing his diligent work to reduce traffic crashes due to distracted driving, through his program, "Making Ohio Roads Safer".

Ms. Annie Wilkerson, from US Representative Brad Wenstrup's Office addressed Council, discussing several services the office provides to residents and businesses, such as; help with Social Security issues, IRS questions, Medicare concerns, Veterans Administration assistance. They are also available to assist with the issuance of Visa's and Passports as well as Military Service Academy Nominations.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

June 2015 Auditor and Treasurer's Reports

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the June 2015 Auditor's Report, Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's Report, Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion also carried by unanimous voice vote.

July 2015 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the July 2015 Income Tax report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

July 2015 NW JEDZ Report

Mrs. Hedger tabled the July 2015 NW JEDZ Report until the September 8 meeting.

Duke Energy Community Service Grant

Mrs. Hedger reported that the City received a grant from Duke Energy in the amount of \$1500.00 earmarked for Economic Development. Mr. Berens explained that these funds may be used to purchase the foreclosed vacant lot at 4258 Redmont Avenue for \$1000.00 and auction the property, using the proceeds to fund the CIC for future projects.

Safety Committee

July 2015 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lehane reported that for the month of July there were a total of 224 Fire and EMS runs. For the year so far there have been a total of 1461 calls for service.

July 2015 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Perin presented the July Monthly Police Report, citing 787 calls for service for the month.

Public Works Committee

Redmont Avenue Improvement Project Update

Mr. Tassell reported that MSD work has been completed and paving is scheduled to begin later this week, weather permitting.

Safe Routes to School Project – Plainfield and Matson

Mr. Berens reported that work has begun on preparing the area for the installation of Pedestrian Crossing Signals at Plainfield and Matson Aves. Work is expected to be completed in November.

In-House Street Repairs

Mr. Tassell reported that the Service Department has been making street repairs this summer, but due to lack of funding, we have been forced to stop work. More needed work has been identified, but first we must begin looking for other means of funding before these repairs can be made.

Other Boards or Committees with a Report

Park Board – Mr. Perin reported that the Days in the Park Festival was very well attended. There were a few minor problems due to wet ground from the recent rains. The fireworks that ended the festival on Sunday evening were the best ever. Mr. Perin thanked everybody for their assistance claiming this is a team event in which every city department has contributed.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far - None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Mr. Berens announced that the “Wounded Warrior” event will be held in Chamberlin Park on Sunday August 23.

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Donnellon presented his July Monthly Report stating \$5251.00 was collected in fines from Mayor’s Court. He also thanked the Park Board for their diligent work with the Festival again this year.

Adjournment

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Michael J. Berens
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem