

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
December 14, 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2015 City Council Meeting and the December 7, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –**

Mayor's Proclamation – Deer Park Police Department Appreciation – Mayor Donnellon made a Proclamation to the Deer Park Police Department for their service to our city. They work tirelessly day and night every day of the year making sacrifices of themselves and their loved ones for the safety of our community. Mayor Donnellon encouraged citizens to remember the members of our Police Department and publicly saluted the service of the members of our law enforcement agency in our community and in communities across the nation.

*Jeff Langdon, Superintendent, Deer Park City Community Schools* – Mr. Langdon thanked city council for recognizing Chief Schlie and the Deer Park Police Department. Mr. Langdon stated that he and the school district have a great working relationship with Chief Schlie and the department and are grateful for everything they do for Deer Park City Schools.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

##### **November 2015 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the November 2015 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

##### **November 2015 Income Tax Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the November 2015 Income Tax Report. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

##### **November 2015 NW JEDZ Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approved the November 2015 JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Ordinance 2015-28 An Ordinance Establishing The Annual Salary For The City Auditor And Declaring An Emergency**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2015-28. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2015-29 An Ordinance Establishing The Annual Salary For The Law Director And Declaring An Emergency**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2015-29. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2015-30 An Ordinance Approving A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Teamsters Local 100 And The City Of Deer Park And Authorizing The Director of Safety-Services To Execute The Agreement And Declaring An Emergency**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2015-30. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger withdrew her motion for adoption after discussion by Mr. Tolliver regarding the amount of lunch time for the tax clerk. Mr. Lehane made a motion to table Ordinance 2015-30 in order to correct the amount of lunch time of the tax clerk in the contract. Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

### **Safety Committee**

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

Mr. Lehane reported that for the month of November there were 43 fire runs, and 187 EMS runs. For the year so far they have been 2,345 runs and it looks as though it will be close to or over 2,500 for the year. A new full time fire fighter, Steven Roos, was recently hired and announced at the recent fire board meeting.

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

Mr. Perin reported that during the month of November there were 318 calls on 1<sup>st</sup> shift, 259 calls on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and 271 calls on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift for a total of 818 calls. There have been reports of cars broken into. Please remember to lock your vehicles. The Bank Robbery at the Union Savings Bank on November 30, 2015 is an ongoing investigation.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### **Redmont Avenue Update**

Mr. Tassell stated that the project was completed \$10,000 under budget even with engineer corrections.

#### **MacNicholas Avenue Storm Sewer Repair**

Mr. Tassell announced that there is substantial deterioration from tree roots to sediment. This is a large project and will need to be fixed mainly in the backyards of MacNicholas Avenue.

#### **Chamberlin Park Tennis Court Improvement Project**

Construction will begin in the spring and the new tennis courts will be ready for fall. This is a collaborative effort of Deer Park City Schools and the Park Board, who are sharing in the cost along with the Natureworks grant.

### **Report of Special Committees / Boards**

**Park Board** – Mr. Perin reported that the annual tree lighting ceremony was a decent success despite the rainy and weather. Amy Hawthorn has resigned from the Park Board. A replacement has been found.

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far** – Mayor Collins wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mayor Collins also thanked and congratulated President Comer for all of the years he has served the city.

**New Business** – Mr. Tolliver made a motion to cancel the city council meeting for December 28, 2015. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – Ms. Perin-Seitz announced that the term of our representative to the OKI board expires on 1/14/16. President Comer stated that Mr. Tassell currently serves as our representative. Mayor Donnellon appointed Mr. Tassell to continue to serve as representative to the OKI Board. Ms. Perin-Seitz will mail in the appointment letter to OKI by 1/8/16.

### **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes thanked council for voting for the increase in the Law Director’s annual salary and thanked President Comer for all of his years of service.

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate thanked President Comer for his service and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Safety Service Director** – Mr. Berens thanked President Comer for all of his years of service.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Donnellon thanked President Comer for all of his years of service and reminded all that the Installation of Officials will take place in Council Chambers on January 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The public is welcome.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin Seitz  
Clerk of Council