

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
May 11, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015 Council Meeting and the May 4, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

President Comer noted that there would be one change to tonight's agenda: Resolution 2015-13, Safety-Service Director's Agreement will be tabled to a future meeting.

**Public Comment** – Mr. Ron Wolf, 4118 St. John's Terrace. Mr. Wolf stated that there is loose gravel on his street which causes dust to fly around, especially when cars speed up and down St. John's Terrace. He said that this causes breathing hazards to those with asthma and recommended that a street sweep be done. Mr. Berens advised that we will be covering this topic on tonight's agenda.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **Substance Abuse Awareness**

Mrs. Hedger mentioned that tonight there is a substance abuse awareness meeting at the high school happening simultaneously as this council meeting. Mrs. Hedger talked ahead of time to Superintendent Mr. Jeff Langdon to let him know that city leaders wish that they could in attendance. Chief Schlie will be leaving this council meeting to attend the substance abuse awareness meeting after he speaks next.

#### **Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task-Force**

Police Chief Schlie spoke to council on the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force stating that we are all aware of the problems with Heroin. Lives have been lost in our community. The Heroin Coalition Task Force will involve prevention, education and treatment. When someone is revived by the Police/Fire/EMS, a card will be left stating that we care that they survived and care just as much that they are addiction-free. The card will also give resources for additional assistance including a phone number and web site. We will not be allocating personnel to the outside from Deer Park. There is a shared database between the federal, state and local levels.

#### **Resolution 2015-14 Authorizing the Deer Park Police Department to Participate in the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task-Force**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **Resolution 2015-14**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and Mr. Tassell 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. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tassell 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. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

### **April 2015 Income Tax Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the April 2015 Income Tax report as all is in balance. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **April 2015 NW JEDZ Report**

Mrs. Hedger stated that the April 2015 NW JEDZ Report was given at the last meeting.

### **Building Safety Month Proclamation**

Mrs. Hedger stated that May is Building Safety Month. With the Mayor's signature, we would like to strengthen safety efforts for our area by encouraging citizens to join with their community in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

### **Resolution 2015-13 Safety-Service Director's Agreement**

Mrs. Hedger stated that Resolution 2015-13, Safety-Service Director's Agreement will be tabled to a future meeting.

### **Safety Committee**

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

Mr. Lehane stated that for the month of April there were 46 fire runs and 186 EMS runs for a total of 232 runs. For the year so far there have been 170 fire runs and 621 EMS runs for a total of 791 runs.

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

Mr. Donnellon reported that there were 793 citizen calls for service during the month of April. There were 291 calls on 1<sup>st</sup> shift, 296 calls on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and 247 on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. One incident included officers responding to Amber Park nursing home for a patient attacking staff and throwing objects.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### **Redmont Avenue Update**

Mr. Tassell stated that the Redmont Avenue Project is slowly progressing as MSDS testing continues. The first course will be put on very shortly. Mr. Lehane wondered if they had to put a new gas line in. Mr. Berens stated that the gas line had to be moved.

### **2015-16 Salt Bid**

Mr. Tassell stated that our bid of \$75.86 per ton is quite a good deal compared to other communities.

### **2015 Street Sweeping Proposal**

Mr. Berens stated that he approved street sweeping for the parade route at a cost of \$300.00, which we do every year within the budget. The cost to sweep the entire city is \$3600.00. It takes 3 -4 days. This is required by the EPA and we could be penalized if it is not done.

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

**Park Board** – Mr. Perin announced that softball has officially started and that the concession stand is now open. The Park Board will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

### **Bark In The Park**

Mr. Berens stated that the annual Bark in the Park, hosted by the Deer Park Business Association, will take place on Saturday May 16. This year there are 25 -30 businesses taking part.

### **Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None**

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – Clerk of Council Mrs. Perin-Seitz read a thank you note from Deer Park High School Senior Mr. Jack Walker. Mr. Walker thanked President Comer and City Council for the experience of Student Government Night, which took place on March 23, 2015. Mr. Walker added that it is an excellent tradition in our community and a lot was learned while also mentioning that the dinner provided was also greatly appreciated.

**New Business** – Mrs. Hedger announced that the May 26 city council meeting will be suspended due to the Memorial Day Holiday and with no business to conduct. President Comer stated that this means that tonight is Mayor Collins’ last meeting. Mayor Collins spoke about his years with Deer Park City Council and could not believe how quickly 32 years has gone by. Mayor Collins shook hands with everyone in council chambers while also stating that we should always be trying and striving to keep Deer Park the best that it can be.

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes stated he will have Resolution 2015-13 at the next council meeting.

**Auditor** – None

**Safety Service Director** – Mr. Berens stated that the Sycamore Senior Center is requesting donations. The Park Board gave \$500.00 last year. Mr. Applegate stated he may be able to find some money within the budget to donate.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Collins announced that the annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday May 25. Participants should meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Silverton Memorial. The parade route will start North on Ohio, make a right on Webster, then left onto Blue Ash to a ceremony stop at Chamberlin Park while finally on to Bechtold Park. Mr. Camp announced that the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire Department will be hosting a grill out after the parade for council members and their families.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council