

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
March 28, 2016

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 City Council Meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – Giles Decourcy – 7837 Moss Court

Mr. Decourcy inquired about developments in the city including the Blue Ash Road project and the bowling alley updates. Mr. Berens gave Mr. Decourcy his business card and invited him to call to discuss the upcoming and exciting progress taking place in the city. Mr. Tolliver advised Mr. Decourcy about the Town Hall Meeting taking place tomorrow, March 29, at the community center at 7 pm.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

JEDZ Board Appointment

Mr. Berens announced that Mr. Lenihan will fill the unexpired term for Ms. Newsom, who is stepping down.

Safety Committee

Fire Board Sub-Committee Meeting

Mr. Berens announced that the Fire Board Sub Committee Meeting is tomorrow, March 29, 2016 at 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Mr. Berens elaborated on the fact that the department is trying to recruit minorities.

Active Shooter Drill at DPHS

Mr. Lehane stated that the active shooter drill last week at Deer Park High School was successful. There were a few breakdowns however this will help all learn where to improve. Two drills have been done this year and a third drill will be completed before the end of this school year.

Coffee with a Cop

Mr. Lehane announced that the Coffee with a Cop event received a lot of positive feedback. The next one will take place on April 9, 2016 at 10:00 am at The Cream of Caffeine with Lt. McCormick.

Public Works Committee

Salt Contract

Mr. Lehane delivered good news about the salt contract stating that the salt company is not requiring cities to take all that they ordered for this past winter as long as they agree to stay under the same terms of the contract for next year which is for the same price and amount.

Pothole Repair

Mr. Lehane stated that 225 potholes have been repaired so far and repairs will continue to be done. Residents are encouraged to call to report additional potholes so that repairs can be made.

Infrastructure Committee Report

Mr. Lehane stated that the Infrastructure Committee met last Tuesday and all went well. Another town hall meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2016 at 7 pm at the community center. A gentleman will be speaking about preventive maintenance and maintaining our good streets.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board

Mr. Perin announced that the Easter egg hunt went very well after being rescheduled from Saturday to Sunday due to weather. Movies in the Park will take place this summer on the 3rd Saturday of June, July and August.

Monitor Board for Front of City Building

Mr. Tolliver announced that he recently has been looking into the possibility of getting a large electronic monitor for the front of the city building to keep citizens updated on events taking place. The cost is relatively low and is what many municipalities are using now.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

New Business – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Ms. Perin read a thank you note sent from Deer Park City Community Schools to thank city council for their generosity on a recent donation for the Pride in the Park Turf Campaign.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes announced that he is working on getting “Music in the Park” set up with his band and Randy Weeks. The first event is scheduled for May 28, 2016 in the upper shelter of Chamberlin Park. All participants are volunteers and everyone is welcome to attend.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor’s Report – None

Adjournment

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tolliver. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council