

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
October 16, 2023

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Camp, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Daily. All members present.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Presentations

Members of the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District made a presentation about the Lucas CPR device. The machine is used to administer mechanical chest compressions, which both frees up a paramedic and administers consistent chest compressions. The Deer Park City Council paid for two machines for the fire district. Mr. Patrick Hennigan was present to thank the members of the Deer Park-Silverton fire district for the lifesaving procedures they administered to him on August 17th.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Marcy Brigsby - 6 Wentworth Lane

Miss Brigsby thanked Dr. Jetter for the time he took to answer her questions about the CRA at Wentworth Lane. Ms. Brigsby had questions about the maturing of the bonds and Mr. Pacheco stated he will check with Brad Ruwe and report back at the next council meeting.

Arvin Anadon – 1 Wentworth Lane

Mr. Anadon If the townhome is sold does the new owner have to apply for the tax abatement. Dr. Jetter stated they would. Mr. Anadon also asked who and when updates the website regarding meeting changes specifically time and date. Dr. Jetter stated he will make sure the website is accurate going forward.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-19 RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE 2023 HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-19, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-19. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2023 Income Report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2023 Auditor Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2023 JEDZ Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

Mr. Camp presented the September 2023 Fire District report.

Mr. Feldhaus presented the September 2023 Police Department report.

Lieutenant Jordan reported the Police Department is now fully staffed.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs –

Ms. Downs gave the following updates on Public Works projects:

- Crews will begin milling and resurfacing Maple, Brookline, and Summit on October 16th. If the Water Works portion on Hegner is done by next week, the resurfacing of Hegner will also be completed.
- The crews are preparing the equipment for leaf collection.
- The new dump truck has been delivered.
- The waterworks project is expected to move to Plainfield Road, north of Montgomery Road on Tuesday October 24th. Any residents or businesses impacted by road closures will be notified.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mr. Feldhaus reported BooFest was a great success. The event raised approximately \$2000.

Mr. Feldhaus clarified a comment that was made to a member of the audience at the last council meeting. Mr. Feldhaus explained that he was speaking to resident Jay Easton in the audience, not a spectator in the audience J. Janus. At the October 2nd council meeting, Mr. Feldhaus invited Mr. Easton to help scare the children at BooFest. Mr. Feldhaus' comments were made in jest, directed only at Mr. Easton. Mr. Feldhaus was extremely disappointed to find out that false accusations were made against him and sent out via email to a large number of people. Mr. Feldhaus also addressed email responses sent by residents Joyce Kremer and Beth Carpenter, again noting that his comments were made to Mr. Easton, not Mr. Janus. The email responses to the incident were based on the assumption that Mr. Feldhaus had addressed Mr. Janus, which was simply not true, and unfairly and unnecessarily painted a distasteful picture of Mr. Feldhaus.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported committee met on Thursday, October 26. The committee expects to be ready to present to council in November. Mr. Kelly read the mission statement aloud, at the request of Mr. Arvin. All are welcome.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –
None.

Old Business

Mr. Feldhaus asked about the Wi-Fi project that provides free Wi-Fi in the city. Dr. Jetter reported we are under contract for one more year and then we will evaluate the usefulness of the service.

New Business

None.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- The second audit has been completed and we filed a complaint with the state regarding the first audit and the loss of our information.
- There will be a resolution to get rid of surplus vehicles and other items on an upcoming agenda.
- An economic development project was turned down because the plans called for a development that was too densely populated, it was not a mixed-use development and the school district would not agree with the tax abatement that was being requested.
- The records Commission met earlier today and approved a number of records to be sent to the state to be approved for destruction.
- 2024 budget discussions are underway with the department heads.

Mayor -

No report.

Schedule

October 17, 2023 – Fire District Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

October 23, 2023 – Deer Park Improvement Corporation – 12:30 p.m.

October 26, 2023 – Diversity and Inclusion Committee – 7:00 p.m.

November 6, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 7, 2023 – Election Day

November 20, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 23-24, 2023 – Thanksgiving holiday – Offices closed

December 1, 2023 – Installation of new council members, election of vice-mayor – time TBD.

December 4, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
December 18, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
December 25-26 – Christmas holiday – Offices closed

Community Events

Ms. Downs presented the new Block Watch signs that will be posted throughout the city. They look great! Thank you, Kathy, for all your hard work to make the signs a reality. There are 50 signs that will be displayed in Deer Park.

October 17 – Block Watch – 7:00 p.m. – Survival Training presentation
October 21 – CPR Training, sponsored by Block Watch – Community Center 8 a.m. – noon
November 11 – Armchair Races – Doors open at 5:30 p.m., first race at 6:30 p.m.
November 21 – Block Watch – 7:00 p.m.
November 25 – Tree Lighting – time TBD
December 11 – Community Info Session – Library at 7:00 p.m.
December 19 – Block Watch – 7:00 p.m. – Possibly a pot luck dinner. Stay tuned for more information as the date nears.

Adjournment

Mayor Donnellon motioned to adjourn. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council