

## City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting April 1, 2024

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

Clerk of Council read the roll. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark present.

Mr. Kelly asked council for a moment of silence for the passing of Hamilton County Auditor Brigid Kelly.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Camp motioned to approve the minutes from the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the Public hearing minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

### Public Comment

May Klingler 7215 Virginia avenue asked council to consider planting a tree to replace any the city takes down. Dr. Jetter stated the city does have a plan in place to replace the trees taken down, He further stated they let the ground settle and then replant a tree.

Bethany Engstead 3805 St. Johns Terrace asked about a bible study she saw going on in the building and asked if that was allowed. Dr. Jetter stated they were using the community room which is open to any resident and the meeting was not a mass or service so it was appropriate use of the room.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark.**

Ms. Westmark presented the March 2024 Income Report. She made a motion to accept the report, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried. Ms. Westmark presented the March 2024 Jeds Report. She made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the March Auditor Report 2024. She made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk of council to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only: An Ordinance adding section 513.17 to the Codified Ordinances of the city Of Deer Park concerning Marijuana.

Discussion ensued; Ms. Westmark then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-04. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion.

Roll vote taken: *Mr. Camp – yes; Ms. Downs-yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark-yes; Mayor Donnellon-yes.* Motion carried. The ordinance will take effect in 30 days per Mr. Pacheco.

### **Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp**

Mr. Camp stated the fire lane meeting will be held Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm with residents of Colton, Monterey, and Quartermaine streets. It will be a meet n greet with the Fire Department and Police Department in attendance.

### **Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs**

Ms. Downs discussed concrete and sidewalk work on Plainfield Rd, as well as the ramps. The ramps need replacing to be ADA compliant per the state since we are using federal funds for the project. To be in compliance they must be flush with the sidewalk or curb, no lip.

### **Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus**

The Easter egg hunt was a huge success. The Park Board used 5000 eggs, Party in the Park will begin on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Ms. Downs and Ms. Kohorst thanked the Park Board for hosting the Easter egg hunt for the community.

### **Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly**

The next meeting is Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> 7 PM. Mr. Kelly stated it will be a final meeting before they present their plans to council. Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> the steering committee will have a presentation for council followed by discussion and then a follow up discussion at the council meeting Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Westmark asked council if anyone wanted to change assignments such as committee roles. Mr. Camp asked if anyone would take over attending the JEDZ meetings 4 times a year. Ms. Kohorst volunteered to represent council at those meetings.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to change the JEDZ meeting representative from Mr. Camp to Ms. Kohorst. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.**

Solicitor –none

**City Manager-**Dr. Jetter discussed the Oakwood project, there was an issue where the wrong water line was torn out, and a resident didn't have water. Dr. Jetter was able to resolve the issue. There has been complaints of residents excessively feeding the wildlife causing issues with neighbors with debris and unwanted rodents. Dr. Jetter stated they have baited the sewers where needed, A reminder to not encroach on your neighbor's property. Dr. Jetter stated the State Auditors will be here at the end of the month for the

annual audit. Discussion ensued. Dr. Jetter shared that the maintenance department saved the city a lot of money by repairing 13 catch basins instead of having an outside company repair them.

Mr. Camp asked if a neighbor is excessively feeding the wildlife who handles the complaints. Dr. Jetter stated that it is turned over to code enforcement. Mr. Pacheco reminded council it is in our ordinances a resident cannot harbor wildlife or fowl that includes feeding them if it creates an unsanitary condition.

**Mayor-** Effective March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 Office Robert Miller has retired. He was a veteran as well and we all appreciate everything he has done for our country and our city.

First Party in the Park event is May 4<sup>th</sup> 7-11 pm. Volunteers needed you can sign up on the city Facebook page of the Chamberlin Park page as well.

**Schedule:**

Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers

We Thrive Spring Cleanup is Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers.

Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers.

**Events:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM

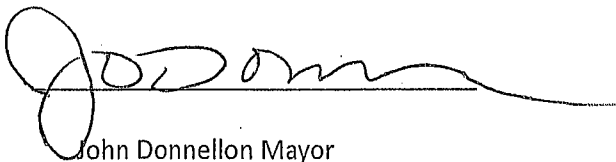
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Strategic Planning Session 8:30-Noon at the Community Center.

**DEI Committee**

Monday April 29<sup>h</sup>, 2024 7PM in Council Chambers.

Ms. Downs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Camp seconded the motion; approved; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:33PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council