

### City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting May 5th, 2025

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. Mayor Donnellon asked for a moment of silence for the fallen Hamilton County Deputy Larry Henderson

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

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Camp made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 21st ,2025 council meeting, Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kathy Downs abstained from the vote.

State Representative Karen Brownlee addressed the City Council and residents. She is representative for District 28. She apologized for not being able to attend the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Music Pavilion. She presented the city with a plaque celebrating the Music Pavilion. She wants to be inclusive, will work with both sides of the aisle. She believes in preserving local city government rights. Local government is important, and she wants to work with local governments and help us achieve our goals. Mayor Donnellon presented Mrs. Brownlee with a Commemorative coin for the Music Pavilion.

**Public Comment:** Lenore Smith 4412 Duneden Ave. She wanted to discuss that with the theme of Discovering Deer Park, that should include health of the community. She would like the city to focus on health for the community and asks how we can accomplish this. She volunteers at Music in the Park and attends Block Watch meetings, Dr. Jetter stated he can partner with the Health Department to see how we can include Ms. Westmark also reminded the council about We Thrive, which address that as well. We Thrive meets at the Deer Park Library monthly.

#### Standing Committee Reports

**Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark** Clerk was asked to read by title only Resolution 2025-3, A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 2.0 Mill tax levy in its entirety and requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the most recently certified total tax valuation of the city, the levy's estimated effective rate expressed in dollars, the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy.

This is step 1 of 2. Ms. Westmark made a motion to move to step 2, Mr. Camp seconded the motion, roll call 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.

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

No reports, Ms. Kohorst did thank Chief Battin for putting up the speed signs on Duneden Ave.

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

2025 Street Paving plans are ready, and the city has scheduled the advertisements for the bidding beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>. Bids' opening is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the City Building.

Flower planting will be completed by May 20<sup>th</sup>. The City building has a roof leak which is under warranty from Deer Park roofing, Cost unknown at this point.

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

May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Pavilion dedication followed by Jump n Jive band and then The Remains. Ribbon cutting is at 3:30 PM. Concession stand will be open; the sound system is ready to go.

**Correspondence & Miscellaneous:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Kohorst presented a power point presentation on having a Farmers Market in Chamberlin Park. It will bring camaraderie to residents, showcase local business and bring business to the city. The Trustee from Delhi Township helped with preparing the presentation. A Farmers market will support health, economy and community for the city, It would begin Spring 2026, The application would be on the city website. Planning for the first Sunday of the Month. May-September. Vendor fees fulltime vendor \$125 for the season, part time vendor \$25 a week. More planning to come. Ms. Westmark made a motion to move forward, Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion,

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

**City Manager:** The city is still working on electric aggregation. Jetter will keep us informed. Residents should pay attention to the Duke Bill where the charges will show. Renewal starts in July, Dr Jetter is still negotiating on the rate.

The audit is completed by the State Auditors. The Auditors want a personal file on every public elected official. With copies of all the required training, there have been some complaints that checks are cashed right away for deposits etc. to the city, in the past, they were not cashed. According to the State Auditors, cashing them immediately is the correct policy.

The Community Center parking lot work will take up most of June, Dr, Jetter working on plans to keep a pathway open. Chris and Janeen from WGRR will attend the Music Pavilion ribbon cutting, The city is applying to the Reds Community Fund to redo a ball diamond in the park.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Pacheco informed us about an amendment that may be on the ballot in November that would erase qualified immunity for Officers, it would get rid of protections the city has. With less immunity money comes out of the general fund to cover any losses. Petition's will be coming out

**Mayor:** Lots of great events coming up in the city.

**Schedule:**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Election Day- GO VOTE

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chamber

**Events:**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Block Watch Meeting 7 PM in Community Center – Frauds, and scams the theme

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Election Day

Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> Plant Swap at Deer Park Public Library 7 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> Pavilion Ribbon Cutting Dedication 3:30 PM

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Music in the Park 4-6 PM Jump n Jive, 6-10; the Remains.

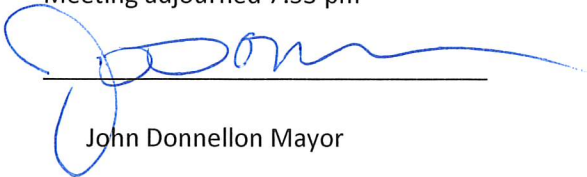
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Memorial Day Parade starts in Silverton at 10 AM and Mayor Dunnellon's birthday!!!

Deer Park Police hosting grill out at the Community Center after parade in conjunction with funds donated by Friends of Deer Park, and Thomas Justin Funeral Home.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Quarterly Meet in Greet with Residents, 7Pm Deer Park Library.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Feldhaus seconded; motion carried

Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm

  
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John Donnellon Mayor  
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Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council