

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
December 5, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Presentation: Deer Park Public Library

Branch Manager Natalie Fields gave a library update to council and was happy to share the news that after the main branch, the Deer Park branch is the busiest branch in the county and is number 1 in visits for most months of this year and is on track to be the busiest for all of 2022! Our branch is second in Wi-Fi use and there is usually no wait for a PC. Two job fairs have been held here and there was even a FAFSA form event to help students learn how to apply for financial aid for college.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

November 2022 Income Tax Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the November 2022 Income Tax Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

November 2022 Fund Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the November 2022 Fund Report. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

November 2022 JEDZ Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the November 2022 JEDZ Report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

November 2022 Fire Report

Mr. Camp announced that in the month of November 2022 there were 105 EMS runs and 13 fire runs for a total of 118. In the total district there were 349 for the month and 3292 for the year so far.

November 2022 Police Report

Mr. Camp announced that the November 2022 Police Report will be read at the next council meeting.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs – None

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the Christmas tree lighting was a complete success. The next race armchair race will be in February 2023.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business – Executive Session At 7:14 pm Mayor Donnellon motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of purchase or sale of property and to include council members, Dr. Jetter, Bryan Pacheco, and Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried. At 7:20 pm Mayor Donnellon motioned to come back from executive session. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

New Business – Ms. Downs reminded everyone that the food drive is still going on until the end of the week as the barrels will be collected and sent either on Friday or Saturday. Mayor Donnellon added that there is a Toys for Tots barrel in the lobby as well. Mr. Camp inquired if we are doing the Santa stops this year. Mayor Donnellon replied that since we had the tree lighting in person, this activity will not take place this year however we can look into doing that next year.

January 2023 Council Schedule Changes

Mr. Daily motioned to move the January 2, 2023 city council meeting to January 3, 2023 and the January 16, 2023 city council meeting to January 17, 2023 due to the observance of the New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Holidays. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – None

City Manager – Dr. Jetter announced that Duke Energy rates will go down slightly (11 cents per month) and is going to the state for approval. You may have seen the new signs in Deer Park at the corporation lines, which reflect our newest logo. There have not been any Christmas lights added to the poles due to the budget. The books close at the end of this week for 2022. Jan Sabino is no longer with Deer Park Roofing and we wish her well. Ms. Westmark asked about the appropriations on the budget and wants to have a discussion in a meeting before the next council meeting. Ms. Westmark motioned to have a public budget meeting on December 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm to discuss appropriations to the budget. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried. Regarding preparations for this meeting, Mr. Pacheco advised that City Council may send questions directly to the City Manager however do not copy other council members as not to have discussions outside of council meetings.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon thanked Dr. Jetter for all his hard work and announced that the new drinking fountain was installed in Chamberlin Park thanks to the Hank Estes fund and another drinking fountain will be installed near Diamond 1 soon.

The Holiday Spirit award nominations are in progress so please nominate a decorated house.

Schedule

~~December 6, 2022 JEDD meeting at 3:45 pm at Sycamore Township~~ Cancelled

December 6, 2022 JEDZ meeting at 4:00 pm at Sycamore Township

December 7, 2022 6:00 BZA

December 19, 2022 Budget Meeting for 2023 6:30 pm

December 19, 2022 Council Meeting

December 23 and 26, 2022 city offices closed for Christmas Holidays

Community Events

December 12, 2022 Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library
No Block Watch Meeting or Potluck in December. Meetings to resume in January 2023

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council