

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
April 12, 2021

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tolliver.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 council meeting, the April 5 public hearing and the April 5, 2021 committee meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Downs. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs - yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Chris Westmark – 4128 St. John’s Terrace Deer Park, OH – Ms. Westmark stated her main concern is that she and most of the other members of the Charter Commission voted for limited Mayor power while one member voted for stronger Mayor power. There were changes that went through without most of the committee’s knowledge. The changes give the Mayor more power than voted on including jurisdiction on criminal matters. Mayor Donnellon stated that the magistrate does Mayor’s Court. Discussion ensued.

Carl Marshall – 3827 O’Leary Avenue Deer Park, OH – Mr. Marshall read an email he received from Mike Icenogle, Charter Committee member, who was unable to attend this evening. Mr. Icenogle expressed his surprise by the changes made in the Charter Commission. He also stated that he took the oath, along with the other members, during challenging times to do the right thing for our city. He is not understanding how these changes were made.

Jim Williams – 9104 Saddlewood Place Mason, OH – Mr. Williams expressed his concern about the Charter Commission changes.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Ron Tolliver

March 2021 JEDZ Report

March 2021 Auditor’s/Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to accept the March 2021 JEDZ Report and the March 2021 Auditor’s/Treasurer’s Report as reported and filed. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs - yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1103.08 “PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING PROCEDURE”, SECTION 1105.10 (B) (8) “AREA VARIANCE”, AND SECTION 1153.03 (C) “PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS”. OF THE DEER PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. Tolliver asked the clerk to read Ordinance 2021-10 by title only. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move Ordinance 2021-10 to the second reading. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs - yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MCKINNEY GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A POLICE VEHICLE CARPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tolliver asked the clerk to read Resolution 2021-11 by title only. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2021-11. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs - yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption of Resolution 2021-11. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs - yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tolliver - yes. Motion carried.

Charter Discussion

Mr. Tolliver led council into a discussion regarding the fact that we should revisit the concerns regarding the changes that were made. Ms. Westmark spoke with Mr. Tassell and he offered to attend a future meeting if needed. We will be discussing this again at our May 3, 2021 Committee Meeting. Mr. Camp stated we can make a decision to add a 7th person but it would have to go to ballot. Discussion ensued.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

March 2021 Fire Report

Mr. Camp reported that in the month of March there were 50 EMS runs and 12 fire runs in Deer Park. In the district there were 185 EMS and fire runs with 506 runs year to date. On March 15 the fire department spent seven hours assisting on I-71, near Red Bank Road, with a hazardous materials truck. Also in March Deer Park assisted with an accident on Stewart Road for a motorist who had a medical emergency.

March 2021 Police Report

Mr. Feldhaus reported that in March 2021 there were 729 calls for service. 281 on first shift, 317 on second shift and 131 on third shift. With the warmer weather more calls are coming in and more car break ins are occurring. Please lock your vehicles. Lt. McCormick announced that Sunday April 11, 2021 was a busy day in the police department. It started with calls, which have been coming in for several weekends, regarding residents of Wickshire as they had no transportation from Jewish Hospital as well as no one able to give out medicine at the nursing home due to terminations, turnover and other staffing changes/shortages. A formal complaint about the nursing home has been made to the state. A second call involved a father/son argument over a frozen pizza that ended with the son stabbing the father. In a third call, tragically a resident on Linden Avenue overdosed and passed away.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Dan Lehane

Mr. Lehane announced that the bid opens for road projects on Friday April 16, 2021, Wednesday April 14, 2021 for the St. Johns project and on Monday April 19, 2021 for the Blue Ash Road Beautification Project. On April 22, 2021 a public meeting will take place at 7 pm at the community center.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that there is a park board meeting this Thursday April 15, 2021 where Music in the Park and the Days in the Park Festival will be discussed.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –

Kerry Baker 4169 Webster Avenue Deer Park, OH –

Ms. Baker asked if the charter changes were voted on or were they just done without voting. Mr. Helmes stated that these were recommendations made by the Legislative and Finance Committee before it came to voting.

Jim Williams – 9104 Saddlewood Place Mason, OH –

Mr. Williams asked if the changes to the charter were done with anyone's knowledge or not. Mr. Lehane advised that the meeting where this will be further discussed will take place on May 3, 2021 at our committee meeting.

New Business – Mr. Camp thanked Safety Service Director Mr. Jetter for helping to have the new electronic sign placed on a timer as it was shining in a nearby homeowner's bedroom window.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Jetter discussed the following:

A hand out was given to council regarding a potential municipal tax.

Upcoming road projects were discussed. Mr. Jetter has an upcoming group meeting with Kleingers. Phase II of the Blue Ash Road project will include from Duneden to the corporation line at Silverton where an archway is planned. The state auditors have been here off and on and we are doing pretty well so far. They are recommending council to look at new policies with the credit card machine. The World Trade Center memorial rails are up. Deer Park City taxes are due on May 17.

Mayor –

Mayor Donnellon reported that effective April 8, 2021, Tyra Meredith has successfully completed two years as Tax Clerk with the City of Deer Park, OH and has been given a wage increase per her contract and now will receive \$22.88 per hour. Effective April 12, 2021 Jason Smith is re-appointed as summer/seasonal laborer with the City of Deer Park, OH Service Department and his base rate of pay will be \$14.00 per hour.

Mayor Donnellon read a thank you note from Clerk of Council Joan Perin, her mother Barb Perin and her daughter Hannah Perin which thanked the friends of city council and Deer Park for the beautiful flowers they sent when Ms. Perin's father passed away recently.

Mayor Donnellon read a Proclamation for Mary "Dolly" Laycock who has resided in Deer Park for sixty two years, a home she shared with the love of her life, the late Earl Laycock. Mrs. Laycock is an active member of St. John's Church and is independent at her Deer Park home, including snow shoveling and yard work. She also believes in the value of supporting Deer Park local businesses. Since she is an appreciated asset to our community Mayor Donnellon proclaimed Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Mrs. Laycock's 94th birthday, as Dolly Laycock Day.

Schedule

~~April 15, 2021 CIC Meeting at 4:00pm in Council Chambers Cancelled~~

April 22, 2021 Road Levy Informational Session 7:00pm Community Center

April 24, 2021 Strategic Planning Session from 8:30 – noon Community Center

April 26, 2021 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 3rd, 2021 Council Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 10, 2021 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 13, 2021 World Trade Center Meeting 4:00pm in Community Room

May 24, 2021 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

June 21, 2021 Records Commission Meeting 6:00PM

Community Events

April 20, 2021 Block Watch Meeting at 7:00pm at the Community Center

April 22, 2021 Earth Day and Arbor Day Tree planting in Chamberlin Park

May 15, 2021 Music in the Park 7:00 to 10:00 PM “The Remains”

Monday May 31, 2021 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

Adjournment

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council