

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
February 11, 2019

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. Culver, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mr. Tassell motioned to excuse Mr. Camp and Mr. Lehane. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Adopting of the Agenda**

Ms. Culver motioned to adopt the amended agenda for this evening. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tassell motioned to approved the January 28, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and the February 4, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests**

#### ***Tax Administrator: Sheena Johnson***

Ms. Johnson spoke to council and described her daily, weekly, monthly and yearly job responsibilities as the Tax Administrator for the City of Deer Park. Ms. Johnson has a goal of collecting \$150,000 from residents and businesses along with the JEDZ however she needs help in her office and reiterated the need for a tax clerk position. Discussion ensued

#### ***Presentation: Bill Kocher City Manager of Mt. Healthy Charter Form of Government***

Mr. Kocher described how the City of Mt. Healthy went from a statutory city to a charter form of government back in 2011 – 2012. A packet with the Mt. Healthy Charter Commission was given to council. Discussion ensued.

***Chris Hedger 4128 St. John's Terrace*** – Ms. Hedger voiced her concerns as to why city council is not in agreement about hiring a tax clerk as she feels one is needed. Ms. Hedger also voiced her concern on why no one from Deer Park City Council attended the several meetings in Sycamore Township regarding the JEDZ and inquired on why Student Government Night is no longer an event we do here in our city each spring.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee \*Chairman Charles Tassell**

**RESOLUTION 2019-05 AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE “HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO AMENDED AND RESTATED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT” FOR POLICE SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-05 . Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Ms. Culver asked Mr. Jetter if he was able to look into the regional police dispatch idea. Discussion ensued. Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-06 AUTHORIZING THE CITY SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO HIRE A TAX CLERK; AND DELCLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-06. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Gavin – no, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion not carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to move to the second reading. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-07 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF VARIOUS COMPONENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF DEER PARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Ordinance 2019-07. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**Safety Committee \*Chairman Tom Camp**

**January 2019 Fire Report**

Ms. Newsom reported that in the joint fire department for the month of January there were 56 fire runs and 119 EMS runs for a total of 175 runs. There were 13 fire runs and 34 EMS runs just in Deer Park for a total of 47 runs.

**January 2019 Police Report**

Ms. Newsom reported that for the month of January the 1<sup>st</sup> shift responded to 180 calls, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 214 calls and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift 218 calls for a total of 612 calls. Coyotes have been seen in the area. Unlocked cars continue to be an issue with theft opportunities. Please be aware of both. The colder weather and snow have seen more people falling on ice.

Ms. Culver asked Lt. McCormick if the recent suicide attempts were above average. Lt. McCormick stated that this time of year we tend to see an increase as cabin fever sets in and with a lot of people it is a cry for help and we refer them to get the help they need.

**Public Works Committee \*Chairman Mike Rapp**

**Speed Bumps**

Mr. Rapp announced that speed bumps will be installed on Hegner Ave in June 2019.

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – None

**New Business** –

\*Charter Form of Government

Mr. Tassell would like recommendations of residents that could serve on the Charter Commission, to get the Charter Form of Government started, and can commit to at least a year's time. Discussion ensued.

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far** –

We have a boy scout in attendance tonight from Troop 6. Lucas is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is here observing city council tonight in preparation for his citizenship badge.

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes stated that the 2018 Mayor's Court totals were \$60,693 with 1200 cases.

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate announced that the appropriations will be in the mailboxes soon.

**Safety Service Director** – None

**Mayor** – Mayor Donnellon thanked all elected officials for their hard work and cautioned all to be safe in the ever changing weather this winter.

**Schedule**

## **February**

February 12, 2019 Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District Meeting 4:30 pm.

February 19, 2019 Deer Park Block Watch Meeting (Women Helping Women/Teen Dating Violence)

February 25, 2019 BZA Meeting

February 25, 2019 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

## **Upcoming Events**

February 14, 2019 Valentine's Day

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Culver motioned to adjourn meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council