

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
February 7, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Clerk of Council ProTem 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 January 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 AMENDING CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF DEER PARK OHIO TO ADD SECTION 505.21 REGARDING A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS PERMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Westmark stated that she has concerns regarding this ordinance and wants Council to consider tabling and doing more research. Ms. Westmark would like to have discussions about changing the ordinance to address nuisance animals regardless of the number of animals in the home, but understands that something needs to be done. Discussion ensued by Council, Law Director, and Police Representative regarding existing law, enforcement practices, and intent of law to address animal hoarding issues. Ms. Westmark motioned to table Ordinance 2022-03. There was no second motion. Motion not carried. Ms. Downs motioned to advance Ordinance 2022-03 to the second reading. 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.

January 2022 JEDZ Report

Ms. Westmark presented the January 2022 Sycamore Township JEDZ report- Mr. Daily motioned to accept as reported. 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.

January 2022 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report

Ms. Westmark presents the January 2022 Auditor's and Treasurer's report- Mr. Daily motioned to accept as reported. 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

Mr. Camp stated that the police and fire reports will be presented at the next meeting on February 21.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

2022 Road Projects Request to Bid

Ms. Downs deferred to Mr. Jetter for discussion of the 2022 roadwork levy and bids. Mr. Camp motioned to allow Mr. Jetter to put work out for bid. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus stated there was nothing to report on this evening.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

New Business

Charter discussion: Ms. Westmark discussed 4-5 points that need to be addressed. Mr. Camp expressed that it is too difficult to track the conversation going back and forth between documents and Ms. Westmark's notes and all members would like to see an organized side-by-side presentation of issues. Discussion ensued on how best to do this with several ideas considered. Ms. Westmark and Mr. Pacheco will work together to present a redlined document with the original charter as put forth by the original committee and the charter that was passed by voters and allow Council to work on resolving issues. (Particular issues, missing language in one section, Mayor's veto authority).

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco reminded Council of the PACE assessment for 3889 E. Galbraith Rd. and there was an intention previously to adjust the payment schedule only. We will have this for consideration at the next meeting.

City Manager – Mr. Jetter stated we will be hiring an intern via U.C., as provided for in grant funding, to work on Urban Planning. He also discussed the streets and snow and ice removal from the recent storm including issues on Blue Ash Rd., in the Business District. Also discussed being invited to the SORTA signing and explained the streamlining of deposits and purchase orders by city departments.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon expressed thanks to Council for continuing good work and civil discussion of city business.

Schedule

February 21, 2022 Council meeting 7:00 pm
March 7, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
March 21, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
April 4, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
April 18, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Community Events

Block watch February 15, 2022 at the Community Center 7:00 pm

Civil Service Exams

Police Lieutenant Eligible List – Thursday February 17, 2022 7:00 pm – (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

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

John Donnellon
Mayor

Lt. Dan McCormick
Clerk of Council Pro Tem