

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

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer and a moment of silence for Jerry Jackson, lifelong Deer Park resident, active community member, Youth sports coach and former member of the Deer Park Park Board. The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Culver, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tassell motioned to approved the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes, the amended February 25, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes, the March 4, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes and the March 4, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – no, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests - None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Charles Tassell

January 2019 JEDZ Report

Mr. Tassell announced that the January 2019 JEDZ Report has been filed as presented.

January 2019 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report

Mr. Tassell announced that the January 2019 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report has been filed as presented.

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

Mr. Tassell motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-06. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. After President Daily asked for any discussion, Mr. Tassell called the question. Mr. Camp seconded the call to question. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver - no, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2019-08 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 (Second Reading)

Mr. Tassell motioned to move Ordinance 2019-08 to the third reading. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

February 2019 Fire Report

Mr. Camp reported that in the fire department for the month of February there were 12 fire runs and 50 EMS runs for a total of 62 runs. In the whole district there were 191 runs total with an amount of 366 for the year so far.

February 2019 Police Report

Ms. Newsom reported that for the month of February the 1st shift responded to 226 calls, 2nd shift 230 calls and 3rd shift 127 calls for a total of 583 calls. There was a squatter in the former bowling alley, Strikes and Spares. They were removed and the locks were changed. There were a number of custody disputes, arson at the high school and a high school student out of control. A fight broke out in the park and it was rumored that shots were fired however no evidence was found to show any shots were ever fired.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Mike Rapp

New Dump Truck for City Lease Purchase

Mr. Jetter announced that our 1998 dump truck is in need of a radiator replacement and has a cost of \$139,000 for a whole new truck. Mr. Jetter doesn't want to finance a new truck at this time. The cost for repair would be between \$3000.00 and \$4000.00. Mr. Jetter is looking at future grants for this. Mr. Camp suggested adding this to a future agenda for further discussion.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business

Executive Session At 7:03 pm, Mr. Tassell motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of pending legal action and to include all council members, Mr. Jetter, Mayor Donnellon, President Daily and Mr. Helmes. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver - yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:33 pm. Mr. Lehane motioned to come out of executive session at 7:46 pm and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A public body may adjourn into executive session with the public body's attorney to discuss a pending or imminent court action.¹⁰³³ Court action is "pending" if a lawsuit has been commenced, and it is "imminent" if it is on the brink of commencing.¹⁰³⁴ Courts have concluded that threatened litigation is imminent and may be discussed in executive session.¹⁰³⁵ A public body may not use this exemption to adjourn into executive session for discussions with a board member who also happens to be an attorney. The attorney should be the duly appointed counsel for the public body.¹⁰³⁶ R.C. 121.22(G)(1));

Approving of the Agenda

Mr. Gavin announced that the approval of the agenda was voted on previously and should not be taken away from the meeting without council voting to approve this change. Mr. Helmes will look into this.

***Charter Form of Government**

Mr. Tassell would like recommendations of residents, perhaps two or three names of people 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 – Mr. Bob Rice 4340 Clifford Road – Mr. Rice voiced his concern about lead pipes going into houses near him. Discussion ensued.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes reminded all about the recent Sunshine Law violation that the City of Cincinnati Council had gone through and cautioned all to be mindful of not having text chats.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director –Mr. Jetter is off this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Blue Ash Road is in progress with a gas pipeline being replaced.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon read a letter he was copied on from Mr. Tassell that was sent to the Mayor of Amberley Village to thank the chief and the officers from there and Deer Park for their kindness and professionalism when responding to the recent death of Mr. Tassell’s best friend’s son.

Schedule

March 21, 2019 World Trade Center Committee at 4:00 pm

March 25, 2019 BZA Meeting at 6:00 pm

March 25, 2019 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Ms. Culver announced that a Youth Mental Health/First Aid Training is coming soon.

March 13, 2019 Nope Meeting at Evendale Recreation Center at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Ms. Culver motioned to adjourn meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Shaughn Daily
President of Council

Joan E Perin
Clerk of Council