

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
March 21, 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.

Mr. Daily motioned to excuse Mr. Camp. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly. 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 – Lori Morgan 3857 Matson Avenue –

Ms. Morgan introduced herself to council and stated that she is the resident who has eleven dogs in her home. She also stated, when asked, that she originally reported that she had thirteen dogs, however two of them have since passed away. Tonight she was also asked if she owned any cats and she reported that she owns two. Ms. Morgan said that recently her neighbor attended a city council meeting to complain about the noise from her dogs barking and also added that five of the eleven dogs are hers and the rest are small senior foster dogs who have special needs with the oldest being twenty one years of age and the average age of all being sixteen years. She has statements from the vet stating that the dogs get excellent care from her along with other neighbors willing to also report that the dogs are not a disturbance to them. Ms. Morgan made it clear that she has not brought the dogs outside at 7:00 am as the complainant had originally stated to council.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN REGION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNDER THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-06 by title only. So read.

Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the two-reading rule on Resolution 2022-06. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Westmark motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. 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

February 2022 Fire Report

Mr. Feldhaus reported that in the month of February 2022 there were 42 fire runs and 157 EMS runs in our district with 71 of the EMS runs in Deer Park and 67 EMS runs in Silverton. We assisted Columbia Township with 8 EMS runs and Golf Manor with 6 EMS runs.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs reported that the 2022 road project has been stalled for another month due to the fluctuation of fuel prices. Our city engineer from Kleingers recommended that we wait to see if fuel prices go down. We have approached Silverton regarding doing a joint bid for a Plainfield Road project with SORTA grants.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. The Armchair Races are scheduled for April 23 in the Community Center at 7:00 pm. The Park Board has a meeting scheduled for Thursday March 24.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

Old Business

Charter Discussion

Ms. Westmark brought up the issues that need to be changed in the charter. The following discrepancies, whether changed or missed from the original were noted:

- Having 7 electors was changed to 6 plus the Mayor, which could result in a tie if someone is absent, and there would be no way to resolve.
- 5 members needed to pass an Ordinance as an emergency.
- Mayor should not be able to vote and have veto power.
- Whether or not the City Solicitor should be appointed by Council or by the City Manager.
- Park Board members would have to live or work/own a business in Deer Park.
- Mayor having powers to appoint a magistrate for Mayor's Court.

Mr. Pacheco provided guidance on what council can propose to change. Mr. Kelly stated that we should have as little of changes while still having a full functioning government. This must be filed by August 2022, so we do have some time to re visit this topic at future meetings.

New Business

Council Member Monthly Events

Mr. Kelly announced that the planned first session of "The Council Informational Session" will be Monday April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Council members who can attend will greet residents and talk to them about the city and their ideas and concerns.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco announced that we need to have an executive session towards the end of the meeting this evening to discuss imminent litigation. Mr. Pacheco also thanked council for the birthday gifts and card.

City Manager – Mr. Jetter stated that he received a link from Emily Culver and was able to send in an application for a grant asking for \$500,000 for Chamberlin Park improvements. Thursday March 24 at 1:30 pm is the kickoff meeting to discuss raising funds for the park as well. We will be doing the improvements in sections. The catch basins are all clean for Spring. The Veteran's Memorial is getting cleaned up and ready to be updated. An annual report summary is available and in council mailboxes. Make sure all elected officials complete ethics training for this new term. This week we went to bid for trash along with Silverton and several other communities. If Rumpke misses a pickup, we will expect documentation and how it will be resolved in this new contract. Mr. Jetter been sitting in meetings with possibly doing solar bids however is aware that we also need a new roof on the city building first and would like to try to incorporate that in along with it. Mr. Jetter cautioned council on some the fed rate currently at .25% and it may go up another .25%. Update on townhomes: Duke is starting installation on gas and electric on March 28 and should be done in 2 weeks after which Ryan Homes will start on the first model. Mr. Jetter had a meeting today with Circle Development who is interested in developing along Blue Ash Road with an apartment building and mixed-use type business. In council mailboxes you will find a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources stating that we were turned down on our Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application as their money ran out however we are talking to them now on another level for money for Chamberlin Park. Mr. Jetter will be out of the office on Friday March 25 on a vacation day but will be available by phone if needed.

Mayor –Mayor Donnellon thanked all who attended tonight’s meeting and stated that we have lots coming up in the city so if anyone has any questions, please let us know. The spring newsletter is coming in a few weeks.

Schedule

March 24th, 2022, Park Board Meeting 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

March 28,2022 BZA at 5:30 PM.

April 4, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

April 18, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm (Student Government Night)

Community Events

April 9, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt in the Park 11:00 am

April 11, 2022 Council Informational Session at the Deer Park Public Library 7:00 pm

April 19, 2022 Block Watch at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

April 21, 2022 We Thrive Meeting at the Deer Park Public Library 6:30 pm

April 23, 2022 “We Thrive “Clean Days in the Park from 10:00 am – Noon

April 23, 2022 Armchair Races at the Community Center 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022 Party in the Park with The Remains 7:00 pm

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

June 13, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library.

September 12, 2022 council informational Session from 7-8pm at the Deer Park Library.

December 12, 2022 Council Informational Session from 7-8pm at the Deer Park Library

Executive Session

At 7:59 pm Ms. Westmark motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation and to include council members and Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Jetter. Ms.

Downs seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

At 8:16 pm Mr. Daily motioned to come out of executive session. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Daily motioned to adjourn. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council