

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
March 6, 2023

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The mayor 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 February 20, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Daily 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.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Jeremiah Easton – 3909 Matson Avenue – Mr. Easton expressed his concern for the stop sign at Matson and Dearborn. It is easy to miss as he notices people driving through it frequently. Discussion ensued including the ideas of flashing lights or even stop sign spinners. Dr. Jetter said that he will see what we can do.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark – February 2023 JEDZ Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the February 2023 JEDZ Report. 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.

February 2023 Income Tax Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the February 2023 Income Tax Report. 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.

Resolution Zoning Code Changes

ORDINANCE 2023-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK RELATED TO ZONING FIRST READING Ms. Westmark motioned to table Ordinance 2023-06 until after another public hearing takes place on April 17, 2023 due to changes to the food truck regulations. Mr. Daily 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.

RESOLUTION 2023-07 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-24 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A NEW 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD 4WD PICK UP TRUCK FROM VALLEY TRUCK CENTER AND TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH PURCHASE Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2023-07 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2023-07. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. 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

February 2023 Fire Report

Mr. Camp reported that in February 2023 there were 113 EMS runs and 17 fire runs in the City of Deer Park for a total of 130 runs. There have been 331 runs in the complete district year to date.

February 2023 Police Report

Mr. Feldhaus reported that in February 2023 there were 779 calls for service. 270 on first shift, 414 on second shift and 148 on third shift.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs – Dr. Jetter reported that he will attend a meeting with SORTA downtown, this Wednesday March 8, regarding the SORTA grant for Oakwood from the dead end at the railroad tracks to Plainfield Road.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the Friends of Chamberlin Park Armchair Races was a complete success as it made around \$2000.00 for the park. The annual Easter egg hunt is on April 1, 2023 at 11:00 am. Dr. Jetter announced that we received \$150,000 for starting the design for the music pavilion. A meeting will take place with the design team in the next 2 weeks. The rest of the funding is in progress.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Establishment of Steering Committee of Diversity and Inclusion

Mr. Kelly announced that after meeting with his colleagues individually he would like to establish a steering committee of diversity and inclusion for the purpose of educating neighbors and to help promote diversity and unity in our city. The committee members would include Mr. Kelly, Ms. Downs and 3 residents. Discussion ensued. Meetings will begin at the end of April and Mr. Kelly will report back with the first meeting date, pending scheduling in the council chambers, potentially to be the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kelly motioned to establish the steering committee of diversity and inclusion. Mr. Daily 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.

Executive Session – At 7:37 pm Mr. Daily motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of the appointment of a public employee and to include all city council members, Dr. Jetter, Mr. Pacheco and Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mayor Donnellon announced that everyone else in attendance, including Clerk of Council Ms. Perin, is to be out in the hallway to keep 2 rooms apart from now on during executive session. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. At 7:56 pm Mayor Donnellon motioned to come out of executive session. Ms. Downs 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.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco stated that at 6:30 pm this evening a public hearing on zoning code changes took place. City council directed Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Stoker to make some tweaks on the food truck regulations. These changes will be presented at the next public hearing on April 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

City Manager – Dr. Jetter announced that we have completed the recycling report and once compiled we will receive some money back. Last year we received \$5,000. We should not see any more than that this year however we will be able to use this for some things in the park.

We are still working on bids for the park walkway. Ms. Westmark asked if they will be able to expand the in the narrow area. Dr. Jetter explained that it will not be as wide as the new portion we have now but that the walkway should be able to get done this year.

Dr. Jetter will not be in tomorrow, March 7, 2023, due to wife's surgery.

Mayor Donnellon questioned if the walkway will be able to extend behind small diamonds. Dr. Jetter replied that we have \$80,000 to spend and not sure this could fit in with that budget.

Mayor Donnellon commented on the speeding he observed behind the school in community center parking lot entrance and suggested a speed bump be installed there. Dr. Jetter will put in specifications. Mr. Kelly mentioned that when entering the parking lot on the sidewalk in either a wheelchair or a stroller from Plainfield Road, there is a drainage pipe that causes one to go out into driveway to get around it and wants to know if this could also be corrected with the parking lot improvement project.

Dr. Jetter said that the city has never had an easement agreement with the railroad for a pedestrian crossing and he has been in contact with the railroad is waiting to hear back. For the city's future protection, we need all three easement agreements to mirror each other for Duneden, Clifford and at 8211 Blue Ash Road, near the businesses, so that the process does not have to be gone through again where the railroad tears out a crossing and does not repair it.

Mayor – None

Schedule

March 13, 2023 Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library

March 20, 2023 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 3, 2023 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 17, 2023 Public Hearing 6:00 pm

April 17, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Community Events

March 21, 2023 Block Watch 7:00pm at the Community Center-“Being a Good Witness” –Officer Jordan

April 1, 2023 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am Chamberlin Park

May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Parade – Mr. Camp announced that anyone in community or civic groups can participate, as long as it is not political, in the parade and can submit a registration form.

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kelly 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council