

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
May 2, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Westmark. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Swearing In Ceremony Police Officer Sara R. Lamping

Officer Sara Lamping was sworn in by Mayor Donnellon among her family and friends.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – Mrs. Shonk 8481 Darnell Avenue –

Mrs. Shonk introduced herself and expressed her concerns regarding the 5G technology and the dangers they cause humans such as ADHD, vomiting, nausea, headaches. A test was conducted recently since a cell phone tower was placed near the Dillonvale Shopping Center and Deer Park High School and Mrs. Shonk mentioned that the results showed it was found to be twice the safe limit and provided City Council a handout explaining why we shouldn't have this 5G or 4G installed near our homes, schools, hospitals etc. Mr. Jetter and Mayor Donnellon explained that this tower sits in Sycamore Township.

Presentation: Joshua Hillberry UC DAPP Student

It was announced that this presentation has been tabled for a future meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

RESOLUTION 2022-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE CITY OF DEER PARK-SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INCOME TAX COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

AGREEMENT Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-08. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the 24 hour rule on Resolution 2022-08. 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. Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the second reading rule on Resolution 2022-08. 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. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-08. 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.

April 2022 NW JEDZ Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the April 2022 NW JEDZ 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.

April 2022 Income Tax Report

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the April 2022 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.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

Mr. Camp announced that the April 2022 Police and Fire reports will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs announced that the Native American Network planted a tree in the park for Earth Day.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced there was a great turnout at the armchair races on April 23. The Party in the Park series kicks off with The Remains on May 21 from 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business

Charter Discussion

Ms. Westmark showed a presentation regarding what needs to change within the charter and started off that there are two things in question: 1. Change from 7 to 6 Electors 2. Mayor Vote. If we move to 6 Electors does continuing with 5 out of 6 to pass an emergency make sense?

We have 4 items agreed to add to the ballot so far: 1. Paragraph missing, wording change – (Article V, Section 5 page 4) 2. Change back Solicitor to being proposed by Mayor and approved by council – (Article VII, Section 1 page 7) 3. Change language regarding Park Board membership to “2 Non-Electors” (Article XI, page 11 Draft, 12 Approved) 4. Mayor Veto – is taken out of Powers of Mayor section, but referenced in Article V, Section 5.

Ms. Westmark gave a handout to all City Council members which includes examples from other cities nearby and how the ballot should look. Ms. Westmark strongly advised that we need to think about future councils so that this charter will work for a long time to come. Mr. Pacheco

Mr. Camp asked Mr. Pacheco how other cities have theirs set up. Mr. Pacheco went over the differences in Blue Ash, and Silverton City Councils. Mr. Feldhaus asked if we will need to get another council member to replace the Mayor if we remove him as a council member? Mr. Pacheco advised on those different options as well. Mr. Pacheco noted that we have until 75 days before November 2, 2022 to have this ready for the ballot. Discussion ensued and it was announced that we will discuss again at a future meeting in June.

New Business – None

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – None

City Manager – Mr. Jetter announced that we are out to bid on a street project. We are looking at grants for small city program. We are trying to get the budget to council by June 6.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon thanked everyone for cleaning up the park on April 23 and announced that we need volunteers for the Party in the Park events coming very soon.

Schedule

May 3, 2022 Election Day Primary Polls open from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

May 16, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 6, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 7, 2022 NE JEDZ Meeting 4:15 pm – Sycamore Township Community Building

June 20, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Community Events

May 14, 2022 Flower Sale 9:00 am – 3:00 pm 4123 Lansdowne Avenue-Proceeds go to the Library

May 21, 2022 Block Party on dead end/short side of St. John's Terrace. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022 Party in the Park with The Remains 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

Mr. Camp noted that the planning for the Memorial Day Parade is progressing well. City Council members should let Mr. Camp know about transportation in the parade.

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

September 12, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library

December 12, 2022 Council Informational session from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Deer Park Library

Adjournment

Mr. Camp motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council