

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
October 28, 2019

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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. Camp motioned to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Presentation from Eagle Scout Community Project Jonathan Schramm

Jonathan Schramm from Troop 791 presented his Eagle Scout project to council along with his troop in attendance. Mr. Schramm created a box for the community to place American flags that are damaged or unused. The box is stationed in the lobby of the city building.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Kerry Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker expressed her concern regarding political signs being stolen recently around our city and would like to see council as a whole condemn this.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Charles Tassell

Auditor/Treasurer Report September 2019

Mr. Tassel presented the September 2019 Auditor/Treasurer Report. Ms. Culver asked a question on what outstanding check was to US Bank institutional custody. Mr. Jetter replied it is for our healthcare. Mr. Tassell motioned to accept the Auditor/Treasurer Report for September 2019 and file as reported. Mr. Lehane 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.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

Mr. Lehane announced that due to there being no street lights on Blue Ash Road between Galbraith and Matson, two light towers have been rented to use for Halloween night for the safety of kids and adults trick or treating.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Mike Rapp

Leaf Pick-up Season

Mr. Rapp announced that leaf pick up will resume on Monday November 4, 2019 and will end on Monday December 16, 2019.

Clifford Road Bid

Mr. Rapp announced that the Clifford Road bid opens on November 12, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Gail Drive

Mr. Rapp asked if we could make the intersection at Gail and Galbraith a little more pronounced. Mr. Jetter stated that he has received numerous complaints on this however part of this area is in the county and part is in Deer Park.

Mirrors for Galbraith Road Business

Mr. Jetter announced that he has addressed the need for mirrors for a Galbraith Road business with the property owner as brought to his attention by Ms. Culver and we will see how it works out.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

New Business

Mr. Gavin stated that we still have two pending motions: One being the rescinding and/or striking of the approval of Ordinance 2019-10; and his other motion, which was seconded, to suspend pay increases for elected officials for the next council term. Mr. Tassell stated that the former item was handled and addressed by our solicitor and the second item was referred to committee and was addressed at committee and completed at committee. Mr. Gavin stated that the original motion still has to be dealt with and the second motion should go to council. Mr. Helmes announced that he has prepared an addendum to Ordinance 2019-10 and will send to council. Mr. Helmes also mentioned that the legal opinion is that we do not have to rescind something that did not pass however an addendum should be added to the minutes so that it is known that it's not a law in effect. Mr. Gavin stated that the motion on suspending pay increases must come back to council for a vote as it takes precedence over any secondary/subsidiary motion. President Daily states there is an ORC that states we cannot vote on our own pay. Mr. Camp agreed with President Daily. Ms. Culver stated that the ORC states we cannot vote on our own pay of the current term and the motion was for the next term.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far- None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes stated that there are going to be some changes in Ohio's Concealed Carry Law and we will need to revisit this issue as our city laws cannot trump state and federal laws.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Jetter announced that Spectrum is moving cable lines to the metal poles on Blue Ash Road and should be done by the end of the week. Leaf pickup will start up again on November 4. A planning and zoning meeting will take place on October 29th at 5:30 pm. The gas line replacement will start on Blue Ash Road and we will maintain northbound traffic throughout this project. Property maintenance code has had several people that complained regarding a garage that is ready to collapse and is only being held up by 2 x 4's. Mr. Jetter has offered to work with the resident to get him in compliance however the gentleman has fought and fought this and is going to court on November 7th. This week a meeting will take place with Brad Ruwe and Sycamore Township on the townhomes project. Our insurance carrier will be here looking at cyber security. Mr. Jetter stated that the national weather service is predicting a cold Halloween.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon thanked Jonathan Schramm and Boy Scout Troop 791 and added that the flag project is a great addition to our community. The Mayor also reminded all to be careful of the kids on Halloween and thanked Mr. Lehane for the additional lighting suggestions for Blue Ash Road for Halloween night.

President of Council – President Daily announced to all that those stealing political signs will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law as recently discussed with the Deer Park Police. Ms. Culver made a motion that all of council agrees that we should respect everyone's right to voice

their opinions and to leave all political signs alone. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Gavin stated that 25 of his signs were stolen. Mr. Lehane replied that Mr. Gavin's signs were not the only ones stolen. President Daily called point of order. Mr. Gavin continued to speak two more times stating he thought we were under debate and discussion. President Daily called point of order two additional times and responded that he can have Mr. Gavin removed. Ms. Culver stated that we were just talking about free speech. President Daily called point of order again. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Schedule

October 29th, 2019 Planning and Zoning Hearing followed by a meeting 5:30 pm
WTC Committee TBA

November 4, 2019 Council Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

November 11, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00pm

November 25, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00pm

November 12, 2019 “We Thrive” Meeting 7:00 pm Community Room

November 19, 2019 Block Watch Meeting at 7:00 pm Community Center

Events

October 31, 2019 Halloween in Deer Park 6 pm to 8 pm (Watch for children and Adults)

Open Voting in the State of Ohio through November 5th, 2019

November 5th, 2019 Election Day

November 9th Deer Park Business Association Chili Challenge 4:00-6:00 pm Community Center.

November 18, 2019 at 11:00AM Blue Ash Road Construction Dedication Project

Adjournment

Mr. Tassell motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Shaughn Daily
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council