

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mr. Daily motioned to appoint Meredith George as Clerk of Council. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Mayor Donnellon gave the oath of office to Ms. George

Mayor Donnellon welcomed newly appointed Patrolman Jacob Johnson. Mayor Donnellon gave the oath of office to Officer Johnson.

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Camp motioned to excuse Mr. Kelly and was seconded by Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – abstain, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KLEINGERS GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG OAKWOOD AVENUE. Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to read Resolution 2023-07. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-09 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLERK OF COUNCIL DUTIES. Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to read Resolution 2023-09. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-10 RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RACK AND BALLAUER EXCAVATING COMPANY, INC FOR THE 2023 DEER PARK ROAD PAVING PROGRAM. Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to read Resolution 2023-10. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF DEER PARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms.

Westmark asked Ms. George to read Ordinance 2023-11. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the seconded reading. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Camp reported that Chief Schlie had a cyber security update to give to council. Chief Schlie reported that our IT consultant has cautioned the City about having emails automatically forwarded from city email addresses to personal email addresses. The auto forward feature can create security issues for the city, so this will be discontinued in the very near future. Chief Schlie is working on a new solution, possibly Office 365. Updates will be given as they become available.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs –

Ms. Downs asked Dr. Jetter to update council on the pending road projects. Dr. Jetter reported the following updates:

- The Plainfield Road project remains delayed because of the water main replacement project. Due to the grant money received from SORTA for the project, some activity will need to be generated on the project in 2023 so the grant money is not jeopardized. There will be fire hydrant work that will take place later this year.
- There is a storm water issue on Galbraith Road. The estimate for the repairs is about \$19,000.
- GCWW is delaying the work at the new townhomes.
- The city has identified a possible solution to illuminate the stop sign at Matson and Gail. The cost is approximately \$700. This may also be considered for the intersection at Galbraith and Gail.
- Ms. Westmark noted that she hopes our road improvement projects do not get re-stripped like the portion of Plainfield Road in Sycamore Township. For Deer Park, any changes like that would have to be approved by the city. Hamilton County has jurisdiction over the road design in Sycamore Township.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus reported the Easter Egg Hunt took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. Due to inclement weather, the egg hunt went swiftly.

2023 Party in the Park dates:

May 6
May 20
June 3
June 17
July 1
July 22
August 19
September 23

The “Days in the Park Festival” is set for August 4-5. Volunteers are both welcome and needed.

Grand raffle tickets will be sold at all events and the winner will be drawn at the September 23 concert.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –

None.

Old Business –

Mr. Feldhaus clarified that Clean Choice is the city’s electric aggregation provider. Letters have gone out to residents. This is an “opt-out” program. All residents are enrolled, but have the option of exiting the program if they so choose.

New Business

None.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – None.

City Manager –

- Dr. Jetter announced that someone is trying to acquire the vacant bowling alley.
- Mr. Pacheco has been helping to resolve the issue with the railroad and SORTA regarding the crossing at Duneden Avenue.
- The city did not receive the ODNR grant we applied for.
- The tax department is losing an employee, so there will be a need to hire a part-time tax clerk in the near future.

Mayor Donnellon –

- Public Works hired a seasonal employee.
- Mayor Donnellon recently interacted with a 9-year Deer Park resident who was very pleased with the work the city has done since she moved to Deer Park. All of the hard work that council and staff have put in over the years has increased her property value from \$110,000 to \$200,000. Kudos to all who have contributed to the city’s success! Mr. Camp added that he interacted with some residents who live in the new Wentworth townhomes and they are happy and excited to be in Deer Park. Only 5 townhomes remain on the market.

Schedule

April 17, 2023 Public Hearing 6:00 pm

April 17, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 1, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

May 15, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Community Events

March 21, 2023 Block Watch 7:00 pm at the Community Center

April 27, 2023 Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am meet at Silvertown Train Station. Anyone interested in helping with the parade should contact Mr. Camp.

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council