

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting February 3rd^h, 2025

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Clerk of Council read the roll. Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon all present. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Natasha Kohorst, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the minutes from Jan 20th 2025 council meeting, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ken Brookbank 7218 Delaware wanted to thank the service department for cleaning the streets so well with the snow storm and For Ms. Downs sending someone to his home to help clean off snow so medical professionals could access the home. He also stated it may be a good idea for the city to institute snow emergency's so cars would be off the streets so the plows could function more efficiently

Dinesh Palaniswuamy 9496 Southgate Dr. Blue Ash Ohio, discussed the facility rental changes and how the Chess Club supports the local community and have been good stewards and have been renting for 10 years. 30% of their members are under 18 years of age, they want to be able to continue renting the facility and keep the cost down. They charge their members very minimal cost. They are a nonprofit group that offers chess to children, minorities as well. They are here to support the community.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

None

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

No reports, Chief Battin updated the council on the Glenway Shooting, The mother was charged with felonious assault and attempted murder and is currently at the Justice Center, the victim remains hospitalized. Mr. Kelly asked about the Flock program, 2 officers left for training, it will be completed tomorrow and cameras will be in use this month.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs Dr. Jetter stated he just heard today MSD will be replacing a sanitation line at Colton and Matson.

Neil Kelly's MTIF program approved by Sorta. The new changes will be helpful to smaller communities. Some of the changes include the construction window changed from 12 months to 18 months so communities have more time. They have implemented an online tool to help with applications and receive updates. They are expanding the scoring to not just economic growth as it was previously, but economic growth and how the project can impact that community. Three of the SORTA board representatives are also on various city councils, so the voices of smaller cities are heard. They have shifted the funding into 2 buckets, projects above \$1,000,000 and those below \$1,000,000 so smaller cities have a better chance. The changes begin this year in 2025.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

The next armchair races will be February 22nd, 2025. Doors open at 6 pm post time 7pm. This event raises money for Friends of Chamberlin Park that support our park. A 501 c group.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Rental the charges have not been updated since 2008, lots of discussion on the proposal. Questions on different groups like the little cats who use the entire park, the amount the chess club pays. Residents cannot rent the community center out for a person to use to make money. Discussion of the beer permit. It was passed back in 1966 941.03, price has not increased since then. Council will discuss the beer permit further before making any recommendations. The issue of the cost for little cats among others will be discussed later as they don't play until the fall. The representative for the Chess club stated that they have a contract for the amount they are paying this year that was signed by a prior employee and will not apply to them in 2026, they can expect an increase. Mr. Feldhaus made a motion was made to accept the recommendations for policy changes and rental rates made in November by the city office. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion, Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp-yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly- yes, Ms. Westmark -yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes motion carried. The new current rental prices go into effect 2-3-2025, and will be posted on the city website.

Road levy renewal needs to be on November ballot, the information must be into the Board of Election by August 6th 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Feldhaus asked about the free city Wi-Fi. The program runs until May then it will end.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor – none

City Manager- May 10th 2025 will be the Music Pavilion dedication. Phase 2 of the Blue Ash rd. project is delayed. ODOT is not ready to approve any plans for Blue Ash rd. until 2027. This does give us more time to find the \$1,000,000 needed to be provided by the city for that project, thru grants or other means. Paving Mill and Grind will be coming this year to Webster from Plainfield rd. to Ohio Ave. Quarter Maine from Mc Nicholas to St, John's Terrace. And Hoffman Ave, from Lake to Plainfield rd. The OML is trying to pass legislation this year on lots of topics including annexation, passage of this can help smaller municipalities like Deer Park. Due to our TIF we cannot annex anything in Sycamore Township.

Mayor – Friends of Chamberlain Park are donating up to \$10,000 to pay for the Pavilion sound system, Jake from the service department will be helping with the sound system.

Schedule:

February 17th, 2025 Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

March 3rd 2025, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

March 17th 2025, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

Events:

February 18th, 2025 Block Watch Meeting 7:00 pm in Community Center.

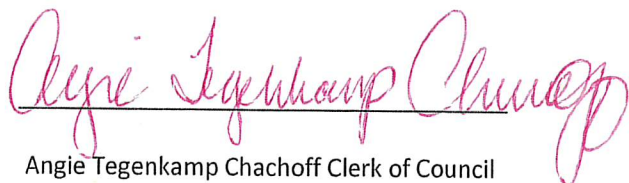
February 22nd, 2025 Armchair Races Community Center Doors open 6PM, Post time 7:00 PM

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council