

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
March 1, 2021

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

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Tolliver motioned to excuse Mr. Camp and Mr. Rapp. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Presentation: Natalie Fields Hamilton County Public Library

Ms. Natalie Fields, Branch Manager of the Deer Park Branch Library, presented the plans for the new Deer Park branch which is moving to the old TJ Maxx space in the Dillonvale Shopping Center in a brand new remodeled facility. The new space will be much larger than the current one and will be the biggest location second only to the main branch downtown. It will include social spaces for the community as well as meeting rooms and study pods. A great feature will include separate spaces for adults, tween/teens and children along with a quiet area. The parking lot has plenty of parking and there will be an 11 foot extended sidewalk to alert drivers to pedestrians along with a crosswalk for safety. The completion date is set for late August 2021.

Legislative and Finance Committee: Ron Tolliver Chairman

Garbage Collection Fees Increase

Mr. Tolliver announced that with the current increased fuel price adjustment in the Rumpke contract, the city needs to increase the current charges by \$2.00 per month. The city has absorbed the fuel increase charge, but we can no longer sustain the increasing cost. Mr. Jetter will ask council for consideration and the opinion of the audience present was asked. Discussion ensued.

Vacant Residential Building Permits

Mr. Tolliver opened a discussion regarding vacant buildings in the city that need permits. The subject of those residents who have winter homes elsewhere and residents who enter nursing homes was brought up. Discussion ensued.

Safety Committee: Chairman Tom Camp

There is nothing to report this evening.

Public Works Committee: Chairman Dan Lehane

Snow Emergency

Mr. Lehane introduced the topic of needing a plan for snow emergency in the city as there is nothing in an ordinance regarding it. We currently go by the Hamilton County snow emergency plan. Mr. Jetter added that no one really knows what level 1 or 2 means. Signage would need to be added if an ordinance was passed. Discussion ensued.

2021 Road Projects

Mr. Lehane announced that a handout was given to council from Mr. Jetter in mailboxes regarding the streets that need mill and paving in 2021. There are also two alternates to be bid for other streets and water main. Discussion ensued.

Park Board: Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus stated that we received good news this week from Governor DeWine stating that festivals and parades will be allowed this year.

New Business

Economic Development

Mr. Jetter announced that many phone calls have come in since the bowling alley was torn down regarding inquiries about new businesses to come into the city. We are in touch with Paran Properties regarding seeing spaces filled in the Dillonvale Shopping Center in between the anchor stores (IGA, ACE Hardware and Walgreens). We also will look at art events to complement our city in the future. Discussion ensued. Ms. Chachoff asked about the empty Deer Park Carryout parking lot sign on Plainfield Road. Mr. Jetter stated he is working with the owner on this.

Schedule

March 2, 2021 Northwest JEDZ Meeting 4:00pm

March 4, 2021 CIC Meeting at 4:00pm

March 8, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00pm

March 18, 2021 WTC meeting at 4:00pm in the lower community room.

March 22, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00pm

April 5, 2021 Council Public Hearing on Text Amendment changes 6:30PM.

*April 17, 2021 Strategic Planning Session from 9 – noon. Location TBD and date may change.

*June 21, 2021 Records Commission Meeting. 6:00PM

Community Events

March 16, 2021 Block Watch at 7:00pm at the community Center.

April 22, 2021 Earth Day and Arbor Day Tree planting. In the Park.

Saturday, May 8, 2021 We Thrive Event Plant Swap Lower Shelter in Chamberlin Park from 9 till noon.

May 15, 2021 Music in the Park 7:00 to 10:30 PM

Monday May 31, 2021 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

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President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council