

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting August 3rd, 2026

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

Clerk of Courts read the roll call. Tom Camp, present, Dana Dedrick-present, Mark Feldhaus-present, Neil Kelly-present, Natasha Kohorst- present, Chris Westmark- present, and Mayor Donnellon present

Approval of Minutes for July 20th Council Meeting and the Public Budget Hearing, Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept, Mr. Feldhaus seconded, Ms. Dedrick asked for a correction in ending time for the budget hearing, it was adjusted, motion carried.

Presentation by Hamilton County Auditor Jessica Miranda, this is part of her auditor tour to as many municipalities as possible. The role of the Auditor is to assess the value of business, agriculture, and residences. Every 6 years they are reevaluated. The office also handles weights & measures, as well as the county dog licenses. Out of all the counties, we are the 3rd largest county in the state; more info can be found on the new website. It is also accessible in multiple languages, The office has a social media page as well, and the website accessibility has been completed prior to the state deadline of March 2027.

www.HamiltonCountyAuditor.org: Mr. Kelly asked if the Homestead Income credit would come back, Ms. Miranda stated there are 4 or 5 bills just sitting in committee on this issue. Currently school funding is unconstitutional in Ohio. The Fair School Funding plan almost passed but the third phase in 2025 did not, however Universal vouchers were passed. Ms. Westmark said to Ms. Miranda that the website updates are great, however she has questions about the company used to set property valuations and feels they were not in compliance with the contract. She stated she feels the Board of Revision is a joke, and the office needs more homeowner feedback and that people have lost faith in the board of revision. Ms. Miranda stated when googling the company there is another company with same name, not what they use, our county is the gold standard and the county meets the deadlines for the Board of Revision, she also said to check out the website and check for your owner occupancy credit. She also stated to contact your state officials to change the Homestead exemption, and to not have an income cap.

Public Comment: Sarah Howison 4238 Hegner, she has lived there for 4 years and feels a long-term solution to the speeding on Hegner is needed. She appreciates the extra police presence, but it isn't enough, the speeding between Maple and Blue Ash rd. is terrible and parked cars have been hit, can a speed bump or stop signs be added? Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Camp stated why speed bumps are not put in as they damage emergency vehicles and road plows, and residents' cars. Mr. Kelly asked, isn't it the point cars can get damaged by speeding because that will stop it? Chief Battin said when they were on Hegner they made 100 stops and 70% were actual Hegner Ave. residents and 28 tickets were written. Dr. Jetter and the Chief will discuss the next steps.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to read by title only: Resolution 2026-14 A resolution Amending Resolution 2026-5 Authorizing Fund transfers from the Plainfield rd., Oakwood ave, and Chamberlin Park Improvement funds to the general fund and road fund. Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt, Mr. Camp seconded, discussion: Dr. Jetter stated that the state had kicked this back after the first resolution for the general fund, the state was in a lawsuit in common pleas court, The tax commission made up its mind on the funds and this resolution allows us to do the fund transfer.

Roll- call vote was taken Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Dedrick- yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly- yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes, Resolution passed.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp: The Fire District mid-year report is available online. Since this is 9/11 25th anniversary, there will be an anniversary event, an agenda will be coming out. The city will be hiring a new Police Officer to replace the one who just resigned. Chief Battin shared that the rules about electric bikes will be ready for council to review in September. Mr. Kelly asked Chief Battin about the Flock contract; it runs through April 2027.

Public Works Committee Chair Neil Kelly: Maintenance crews are repairing catch basins ahead of the Galbraith Road paving. Blue Ash rd. Utility Pole replacement with steel poles starting this month. For Wednesday, brush pick up should be no more than 4 ft sections. There is a tree down on Gail due to the storm damage; the city will need an elevated boom and will pay for it. For vegetation removal contact Chad with Duke Energy.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus: The Gamut had the largest turnout and was the largest split the pot; it was packed and stacked. The festival prep continues, the rides were delivered today, we still need more volunteers, please sign up to work, The Service Department has been doing a great job, festival is this weekend.

Natasha Kohorst: The rain slightly impacted the market, but the vendors were still pleased; we have new vendors coming for September. The vendors have asked for an October Market, council agreed.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: An open records request regarding Flock cameras was received.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor: There is a pending litigation case August 6th at 1:30 pm in regard to the Flock camera, only the pictures of license plates are taken, no people and they do not track you, there is no more 4th amendment intrusion than with any other camera, if you know where they are you can avoid them. It only takes a snapshot; cameras at gas stations/ring cameras provide more information than flock. There is no reason for expectation of privacy on your license plate.

Mayor: The Beatification winners will be presented aa with \$100 gift cards from The Blooming Garden Friday night at the festival. We are seeing the same winners a lot, spread the word for next year it will be on the sign, and online so people know for next year, the winners are posted online. We had 1 business win- Staley-Strawser funeral home and 9 resident's homes won. The festival is this weekend; the rules are on the website. No pets are allowed. Chief Battin said there will be 7 police on Friday, 4 more added to Saturday and Swat will be on hand for the fireworks. Swat will leave after the fireworks.

City Manager: Jake Preston resigned effective August 14 for a job in the private sector. The city moved a part-time employee into that role. Burton Automotive is closing; the property is being reassessed about cleaning it all up. Stewart Industries is putting together a Performa- the city wants to keep light industry there and is looking at potential tenants. The property at 8112 Blue Ash Rd has all utilities taken out and will be removed October 1st. The zoning board will be changing the zoning back to the original where the townhomes were to be built as they pulled out of the project. Dr Jetter will look into flashing electric stop signs for Hegner and see what the cost is. The city is working on computer upgrades to make the website meet the accessibility requirements the state put into place; they must be completed by March 2027. We may be able to do the work in-house. Some employee role assignments have changed, Tyra will do more HR work, Sarah will be working on some property and record retention, and Andy will be working on maintenance issues.

Schedule:

September 14, 2026 Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

Events:

Block watch Meeting- August 18th, 2026, 7:00 PM at the Community Center, 1st Star Safety presenting.

Farmers Market- Sunday September 6th, 2026, 9-12:30 PM at the City Complex

Farmers Market -Sunday October 4th, 2026, 9-12:30 PM at the City Complex. - final one of 2026

Music in the Park- Chamberlain Park Concert Schedule:

August 7th and 8th- Days in the Park Festival. Billy Rock Band 6-midnight (August 7th)

The Cassette Junkies 6-midnite (August 8th)

August 16th Jump-N-Jive Big Band 5:00 PM

August 22nd Car Show with DJ

September 19 Don't tell Steve 7-10:00 PM

ROUND ROBIN:

Ms. Dedrick: none

Mr. Kelly: "Come to the festival and see me at the pop booth 9-midnite and Ms. Dedrick from 6-9pm"

Mr. Camp: "Enjoy the festival and have fun"

Mr. Feldhaus: None

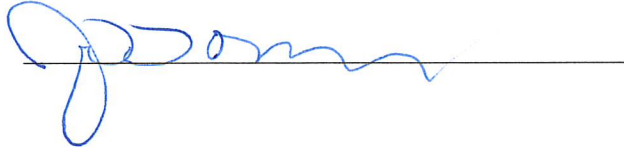
Ms. Kohorst: "Thank you to the service department for removing the fallen trees in the park so quickly."

Ms. Westmark:" Thank you to Mr. Feldhaus and the Mayor for always being up at the park working some event, and please keep Joe Comer in your prayers, please visit him and bring snacks."

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting

Adjourned at 8:19 PM

John Donnellon, Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff, Clerk of Council

