

**City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon all present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Camp made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried Ms. Downs abstained from the vote since she was not at last council meeting.

Public Comment: none

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark**

Ms. Westmark presented Resolution 2024-16 Authorizing supplemental appropriations for 2024

Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-19, Mr. Kelly seconded the motion

Discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented Resolution 2024-17 Authorizing Certain Fund transfers from the General fund to other Respective city funds. Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept resolution 2024-17 Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Dr. Jetter stated the money left from the Oakwood project, the city is trying to use for the repaving of the Community Center parking lot since equipment stored there for the Oakwood project.

Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented resolution 2024-18 Authorizing and Adopting Appropriations resolution for 2025.

Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept resolution 2024-18, Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ms. Westmark had some questions on different funds, Sheena explained all.

Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Jetter stated Sheena has been working on the budget for three months and he thanked council for having Sheena. She has made great changes in the audit process for the city as well.

**Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:**

Mr., Camp presented the November fire report, there have been less runs in 2024 than in 2023. The fire district board meeting is December 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Mr. Feldhaus presented the November 2024 police report, there was a total of 1097 calls for service.

**Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs**

Oakwood project has been completed and will be closing out soon. This is last week for leaf collection.

**Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus**

Next armchair races will be February 22nd, 2025. The service department is currently doing work on the concession stand. The park board has received the grant money back from the festival.

**Correspondence & Miscellaneous:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to extend Dr. Jetter's contract thru December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

Ms. Westmark seconded the motion, roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to retain Mr. Pacheco as City Solicitor, Ms. Downs seconded the motion, roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Camp made a motion to have Steve Imhoff represent Deer Park on the Fire District Board.

Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Jetter discussed the possible Police Equipment levy. If council approves a .5 mill levy it may be easier for tax payers, council needs to make a decision by next council meeting if they want to move forward on the levy as there is a deadline to submit to the board of election. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pacheco will print two versions of the levy, 1 mill and .5 mill to have ready just in case council decides to move forward.

**Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.**

**Solicitor** – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thank you to council for retaining him as City Solicitor.

**City Manager**- . There is a deficit in training in the service department, training is being completed on working in small spaces: i.e. sewer system, city needs to some money into the maintenance department to update training. Happy Holidays, Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

**Mayor** – Everyone have a great Christmas/ Happy Holidays. Be safe and watch out for your neighbors.

**Schedule:**

December 17<sup>th</sup> District Fire Board Meeting

December 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> City Offices closed

December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 City offices closed

January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 Council Meeting 7 PM in Council Chambers wed will discuss as this is Martin Luther King Day

**Events:**

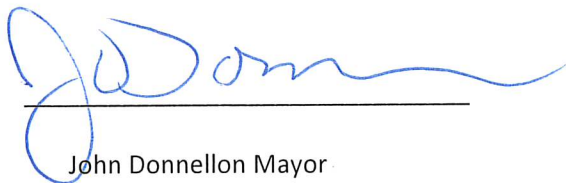
December 17, 2024, Tuesday Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM Community Center potluck

Ms. Kohorst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also Ms. Downs thanked everyone. The fill the Tahoe event to stock the School District food pantry was a success again. The Neighborhood Watch group was being recognized at the school board meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> for their contribution.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion at 7:55 pm to adjourn the meeting Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council