

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting October 6th,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, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon are present, Mayor made a motion to excuse Mr. Kelly, Ms. Downs seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Donnellon swore in new Patrolman Dakota Gullett, accompanied by wife Hailey Welcome to Deer Park

Proclamation to Deer Park Deli and Camila Lewis was moved to upcoming meeting

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Camp made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 15th council meeting, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried. Ms. Westmark abstained.

Public Comment: none

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Westmark presented the September 2025 income report and made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Kohorst seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the September 2025 Auditor Fund report Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the September 2025 JEDZ report; \$13856.91 Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report; Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the September JEDD report, big increase \$711.45 Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to read Resolution 2025-14 by title only: A resolution accepting the Amount and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying to the County Auditor. Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt, discussion: this allows us to submit to the county to collect our taxes. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Ms. Kohorst-yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon-yes. Resolution adopted.

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to ready by title only: Resolution 2025-15 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners related to the improvement of Blue Ash Road. Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt; discussion; Dr. Jetter said this was for the Blue Ash Rd fund for \$250,000 for planning. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Ms. Kohorst-yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon-yes. Resolution adopted.

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to ready by title only Resolution 2025-16 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to lease or purchase a Loader/excavator from Company Wrench LTD. To trade in the city's backhoe to lower the lease payments, and to take all action necessary to effectuate such lease purchase and trade in.

Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt discussion: these 2 separate items will do what the backhoe does, and more. It is Less expensive. The current backhoe hydraulics are failing and needs to be replaced. By leasing we can hold onto our cash longer and there is no penalty to pay off early. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Ms. Kohorst-yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon-yes. Resolution adopted

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

Mr. Camp stated there are no reports this month, The Fire District open house is Saturday October 11th 11am until 3 pm

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs:

Catch basin repairs are completed. Crack sealing begins this week. The curb work on Hoffman and Webster almost completed. The tear-out and milling on Hoffman will be completed next spring,

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Boo fest is on October 10th and 11th from 6 pm until 9:30. There is a haunted trail, it is scarier than last year. There will be signs up reminding people to not TOUCH the monsters on the trail. November 1st is Armchair races at the Community Center, fundraiser for friends of Chamberlain Park. Doors open at 6 pm, post time is 6:30 pm The Tree lighting this year is Nov 29th 6:30 PM, the grinch will be there again.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

Chris Westmark brought up topic

OLD BUSINESS: Council needs to look at rules governing the rentals of the Community Center by elected officials. The state had questions on the audit on how many times the center can be used at no cost for the mayor. Mr. Pacheco will do research and present it next time to council.

Ms. Westmark discussed Local Government night and after discussion it will probably happen in January 2026, Ms. Westmark will reach out to the teacher connection at the High School, more information to come.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

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City Manager: He is working on Economic Development on the Schenk Property, as well as the bowling alley, The city has received funds to purchase the hair salon. The owner is set on a price; the city will ask Hamilton County for more money. The city has applied for \$25,000 for economic development.

Solicitor – none

Mayor: Mayor Donnellon will be working both nights at BOO Fest Jake and Ritchie from the Service Department said the Haunted Trail will be near Diamond 1

SCHEDULE:

Townhall October 7th, 2025, Road information session 7-8 pm community center

October 20th, 2025 Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

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

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

December 1st, 2025, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers as well as swearing in of newly elected officials

December 15th, 2025, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

EVENTS:

Boo Fest October 10th, and 11th opens at 6 PM

Block Watch Tuesday October 21st, 2025, 7-8 PM Community Center

Christmas Tree Lighting November 29th, 2025, at 6:30 PM

November 1st, 2025, Armchair races at Community Center, doors open 6 PM

ROUND ROBIN:

Ms. Westmark: December 15th is her birthday

Ms. Kohorst: She stated Touch a Truck event was a great event, lots of fun for all

Mr. Feldhaus: Nothing tonight

Mr. Camp: nothing tonight

Ms. Downs: nothing tonight

Dr. Jetter: all of council needs to come up and sign the resolution before they leave

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

John Donnellon Mayor

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Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff", written over a horizontal line.