

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting March 18, 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. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Chris Westmark present. Natasha Kohorst absent.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Kohorst, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024, Council Meeting. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Kerry Baker: 4169 Webster Ave. informed council she is moving out of the state and has appreciated everything council has done and looks forward to going to council meetings in her new state; New York.

Shaughn Daily: 3945 St Johns Terrace; Mr. Daily discussed the marijuana issue council is considering and stated he is worried about the children and reminded council that the federal government doesn't recognize marijuana as being legal. He also discussed city employees on social media are doing a service to the city.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark.

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk of council to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only: An Ordinance adding section 513.17 to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Deer Park concerning Marijuana and declaring an emergency.

Discussion ensued; Ms. Westmark then made a motion to move ordinance 2024-04 to a second reading.

Roll vote taken: Mr. Camp – yes; Ms. Downs-yes; Mr. Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Westmark-yes; Mayor Donnellon-yes. Motion carried. The second reading will be April 1, 2024 at the next council meeting.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Camp presented the fire report. Mr. Feldhaus presented the police report, there were no questions. There will be a public meeting held to discuss the fire lane proposal for Colton, Monterey and Quartermaine streets. It will be held Monday April 29th at 730 pm. Information will be sent to residents and be on the city Facebook page.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs stated work continues on Plainfield Rd.: sod replacement, concrete repairs followed by boring and water main tie- ins, finally permanent asphalt replacement.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

The Park Board will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30th 2024 at 11AM. Party in the Park will begin on May 4th 2024.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly

The next meeting is Monday March 25th, 2024 at 7 PM Council Chambers.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco discussed he passed out to council the information around regulating Vape Shops and stated due to state regulations, at this time council cannot change regulations around Vape /Smoke shops.

City Manager-

Dr. Jetter asked council for a motion to advertise for the Music Pavilion. Mayor Donellon made a motion to advertise; Mr. Camp seconded the motion, roll vote: Mr. Camp – yes; Ms.Downs-yes; Mr.Feldhaus-yes; Mr. Kelly-yes; Ms. Westmark-yes; Mayor Donnellon-yes. Motion carried. Dr.Jetter stated we need the construction to begin soon on the pavilion as the grant money must be used by December 31, 2024. The city has amassed about \$450,000 so far and possibly up to \$350,000 in grant money. The auditors will arrive the last week of April to do the annual state audit. The work has begun on Oakwood, they are pushing the gas lines down to make room for the water and sewer lines.

Mayor- We all need to work together to get everything accomplished.

Schedule:

March 19, 2024 Primary Eléction Day
Monday April 1st 2024 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers

Events:

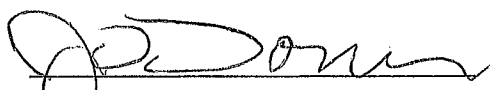
March 30, 2024 Easter Egg Hunt upper shelter 11:00 AM
There is no Block Watch meeting in March, it will resume in April.

DEI Committee

Monday March 25th, 2024 7PM in Council Chambers.

Ms. Downs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; approved; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:31PM.

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John Donnellon Mayor

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

Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council