

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Meeting
December 18, 2023

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

The Clerk read the roll. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark. All members were present.

Motion to Appoint Sheena Johnson a Clerk ProTemp

Mr. Camp motioned to appoint Sheena Johnson as Clerk ProTemp. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023, Council Meeting. Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the November 2023 Auditor Report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH POLICE CHIEF DAVID BATTIN

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. Johnson to give the reading of Resolution 2023-24 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-24. Mr. Camp second the motion. Discussion ensued. Mayor Donnellon – yes, Tom Camp – yes, Kathy Downs – yes, Mark Feldhaus – yes, Neil Kelly – yes, Natasha Kohorst – yes, Chris Westmark – yes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-25 AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. Johnson to give the reading of Resolution 2023-25, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-25. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mayor Donnellon – yes, Tom Camp – yes, Kathy Downs – yes, Mark Feldhaus – yes, Neil Kelly – yes, Natasha Kohorst – yes, Chris Westmark – yes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-26 AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR 2024

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. Johnson to give the reading of Resolution 2023-26, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for the passage of Resolution 2023-26. Mr. Camp second the motion. Mayor Donnellon – yes, Tom Camp – yes, Kathy Downs – yes, Mark Feldhaus – yes, Neil Kelly – yes, Natasha Kohorst – yes, Chris Westmark – yes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-27 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO OTHER RESPECTIVE CITY FUNDS

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. Johnson to give the reading of Resolution 2023-25, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for the passage of Resolution 2023-27. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mayor Donnellon – yes, Tom Camp – yes, Kathy Downs – yes, Mark Feldhaus – yes, Neil Kelly – yes, Natasha Kohorst – yes, Chris Westmark – yes. Motion Carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Feldhaus presented the November 2023 Police Department report.

Mr. Camp presented the November 2023 Fire District report.

Chief Battin was asked about a recent email sent by Ms. Westmark, regarding the speeding on Matson. Noting all those who were pulled over were Deer Park residents. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs gave updates on the construction work being done in Deer Park. Discussion ensued.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the next armchair race will be on February 24, 2024.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported that he had no new updates. Hoping to have more information for the next council meeting on January 8, 2024, which is after the next Diversity and Inclusion Meeting on December 28, 2023. All are welcome.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Executive Session

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to retire to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Ms. Downs second the motion. Mayor Donnellon – yes, Tom Camp – yes, Kathy Downs – yes, Mark Feldhaus – yes, Neil Kelly – yes, Natasha Kohorst – yes, Chris Westmark – yes. Motion Carried.

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Ms. Downs second the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote voice vote.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Manager – Dr. Jetter announced that everything that was put on the auction site had sold.

The dump truck was put up for \$5000 and it sold for \$13000. The pickup truck was put up for \$2500, and it sold for \$3900. All the iPad's sold from between \$90 and \$100. Dr. Jetter also shared that he had been in contact with the Governor of the State of Ohio office regarding the upcoming \$750 million, which is to be used mostly for infrastructure. Dr. Jetter wants to use this to finish the park project, and to help with finishing Blue Ash Rd.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon informed everyone that the Holiday Spirit awards had been finalized, and the rewards were going out in the mail. The temporary signs were put up as well in the yards of those that won. Mayor Donnellon congratulated and thanked Mr. Camp for his 50 years in the fire service.

Schedule

December 25 and 26, 2023 City Offices closed for Christmas Holidays
January 1 and 2, 2024 City Offices closed for New Years observance.


Community Events

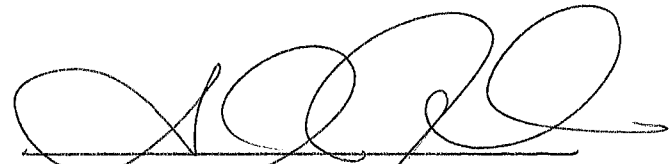
Tuesday December 19, 2023, Deer Park Block Watch on Community events at 6:30-8:00p.m.

December 28th, 2023, Diversity and Inclusion Steering Meeting at 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.



John Donnellon
Mayor

Sheena Johnson
Clerk Pro Temp