

City of Deer Park City Council Meeting Municipal Meeting January 8, 2024

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

Mayor Donnellon read the roll. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark absent

Motion made by Kathy Downs to excuse Chris Westmark Tom Camp seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to Appoint Clerk of Council Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff

Motion made by Mayor Donnellon to appoint the clerk seconded by Kathy Downs; motion carried by unanimous vote

Mayor Donnellon then administered the Oath of Office for Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff as Clerk of Council

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Donnellon motioned to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023, Council Meeting. Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Donnellon administered The Oath of Office to newest Police Officer Clint Townsend

**Public Comment**

Jeremiah Easton 3904 Matson wanted to thank the Deer Park Police department for their handling of a situation that had occurred the prior week.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark**

Ms. Westmark was absent, so Dr. Jetter gave the reports For December 2023 for JEDZ report, Income report and the Fund report

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept all the reports, second motion made by Neil Kelly motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Battin discussed changes made in the Police Department The department has moved from three shifts to 2 shifts This will help provide more coverage, lower burnout, and help with off days The department is expecting a Lieutenant to retire in March, they will not replace the third Lieutenant position since there are only 2 shifts now 98% of the department wanted the change; many neighboring cities do the 2 shifts a day as well

### **Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp**

Mr. Camp presented the December 2023 Fire Report and shared that Fire Chief Denny Meador was featured in an article about his work in the Ohio Fire Executive program.

Mr. Camp discussed that Chief Meador will be sending out the Annual report soon.

Mr., Camp discussed for 2023 with the new additions to the Joint Fire Department they accounted for about an additional 1000 runs

Discussion ensued on the extra runs at the facility on Galbraith Road

### **Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs**

Ms. Downs discussed the open bid on Oakwood thru a Sorta grant.

### **Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus**

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the next armchair race will be on February 24, 2024. Starting at 6:30 pm

### **Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly**

Mr. Kelly thanked Chris Westmark for coming to the steering committee meeting and sharing her opinions. Mr. Kelly stated they have 3 more meetings the fourth Thursday in Jan Feb and March all are welcome they are evaluating the Steering Committee goals.

### **Correspondence & Miscellaneous**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials**

**Solicitor** – Mr. Pacheco wished everyone a Happy New Year. He discussed two items, 1 the vacant property ordinance in Deer Park and asked council to let him know when they want to discuss the residential components since the commercial is already in place. He also asked council to let him know when they want to discuss the implications stemming from Issue 2. He stated that licenses for dispensaries won't be happening from the Ohio commerce department before June as they haven't even determined the application process yet. Council can do 3 things, one nothing and that means dispensaries could be opened if they received a license, 2. Council could limit the number of dispensaries or three council can prohibit them, Discussion ensued with comments from Mr. Camp, Ms. Kohorst and Mr. Kelly Consensus was that council would begin discussing soon  
Dr. Jetter discussed the vacant building ordinance and stated he would like to see council get started on

that quickly. There are too many loopholes for residential vacant buildings. Mr. Pacheco asked council to look at the vacant building resolution in place for commercial and start there for residential. Mayor Donnellon added the topic to the next council meeting.

#### **City Manager –**

Dr. Jetter asked the city solicitor to also look at legislation on vape shops; zoning limiting numbers, to be discussed

The streets have been pretreated with brine to keep the roads clear, Dr. Jetter just spent 2 days working on and EPA grant for \$68,000 for brine and beet juice. Dr. Jetter has also been working on

Grants for economic development. The State of Ohio has about \$780 million, and Deer Park is trying for \$3.5 to \$4 million for the Blue Ash Road economic development. as well as CDAP grant application including funds for the park Dr. Jetter has met with Senator Blessing and Hamilton County commissioners Alicia Reese, Denise Driehaus on economic development and they were receptive. The City building has received funding thru ARPA and is receiving new furniture Feb 1-3

Dr. Jetter stated there are currently 8 vacant commercial properties in Deer Park and they will be monitoring them. It was discussed if there are opportunities to help steer funding to Deer Park, council may be asked to write letters to various government representatives or county commissioners.

**Mayor –** weather is coming be prepared.

#### **Schedule**

January 15, 2024, City Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King January 22, 2024, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers February 5, 2024, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers February 19, 2024, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

#### **Community Events**

January 16, 2024, Block Watch at 7:00PM at the Community Center Dr. Jetter giving state of Deer Park address

February 19, 2024, Block Watch at 7:00PM at the Community Center

#### **DEI Committee Meeting 7:00PM in Council Chambers**

Thursday January 25, 2024, Thursday February 22, 2024, Thursday March 28, 2024

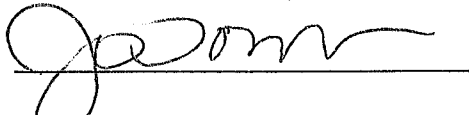
**March 23, 2024, Strategic Planning Session 8:30 am –Noon at the Community Center**

#### **Adjournment**


Mayor Donnellon motioned to adjourn. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a

unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m.

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John Donellon Mayor

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

Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council