

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon are all present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Downs made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 council meeting, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Natalie from Deer Park Public Library discussed updates at the public library. The summer meals for those 18 and under will be Monday thru Thursday at 12:30. The summer reading program begins May 31<sup>st</sup>. Children involved in the reading program receive a free book, studies show children who own their own books do better. Episcopal Retirement Services hosted free lunches for those 60 and over on Wednesdays at noon. Last year they served over 1100 meals in 22 zip codes, sponsored by the Council on Aging. They work with local restaurants to provide food; they are ending for the year and will begin again in the fall. Beginning in July, the library will be hosting Minority Small Business Assistance Hours. The first Wednesday of the month from 1-5 pm. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday the library will host a small business lab starting with Q&A to see what topics everyone is interested in. Thank you all for your support for the library, asking for help reaching out to your Senators to restore funding for the public library in the upcoming budget.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark**

Ms. Westmark presented the April Income Report, YTD up over \$70,000 from 2024, April was down 1%, She made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Kelly seconded, motion carried Ms. Westmark presented the April Fund Report. It is in balance, she made a motion to accept as presented, Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried. Ms. Westmark presented the April JEDZ report, the city earned \$15,658.07 for April. The city has earned over \$48,000 in 2025 so far. She made a motion to accept the JEDZ report, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried. There was not a JEDD report for April. Ms. Westmark shared she had heard from Donna Hudson a former resident who donated \$100 to help sponsor sports teams in the park. She also thanked everyone for their hard work for the park. The money was delivered to Dr. Jetter.

**Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:**

Mr. Feldhaus presented the April 2025 Police report, there were 844 calls for service, 12 offense reports, and 28 arrests. A reminder to ask any Solicitors for their license, they must register with the city. Mr. Kelly thanked Office Kleiman for his help when Mr. Kelly's van broke down. Mr. Camp presented the April 2025 Fire Report, the city of Deer Park had 80 calls for service, YTD 342 calls for service. The district YTD is 1233 calls for service. The new ambulance will arrive in about 30-40 days; it has been on order for over three years.

**Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs**

The city is awaiting the 2025 road bid to be certified. The Community Center parking lot project will begin in June. Ms. Downs thanked the Service Department for their hard work on all the landscaping and making the city beautiful.

**Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus**

The Music Pavilion dedication was a huge success, thank you to Sarah for all her hard work, as well as the many volunteers who made it a success. It was packed and stacked, very large crowd. The sound system was awesome. Mr. Kelly asked if the people had a good time, absolutely was the response. The next part in the park is May 31<sup>st</sup>, Scott Luck mix with country music 7-10 pm. Mr. Kelly asked Dr Jetter what the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the park was. Dr. Jetter said they are waiting for the state capital fund, improving the ball fields and bleachers.

**Correspondence & Miscellaneous:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

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

**City Manager:**

Dr. Jetter has negotiated and lowered the cost of healthcare for the city to 5.5% He has work on the aggregation and ended up with 9.96, which is 4% less than Duke. Dr Jetter has applied for a land soil grant to purchase the Beauty salon property next to Shell, unfortunately it was turned down. Dr. Jetter was having a meeting with the school Superintendent and The Assistant Fire Chief to discuss the tax levy and see if the schools will hold off for a year to ask for a levy. Dr Jetter will be out on vacation next week.

**Solicitor –** none

**Mayor:** Mayor Donnellon would like to form a committee for the road levy renewal this year. He had lots of compliments on the Music Pavilion dedication, and thanked Dr. Jetter for all his hard work. The following council members volunteered for the road levy committee: Mr. Kelly, Ms. Kohorst, and Mr. Feldhaus.

Chief Battin mentioned he will not be here for the next council meeting; however, Lieutenant Jordan will be there and share who the new Lieutenant will be.

**Schedule:**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting at 7 Pm in Council Chambers

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

**Events:**

May 20th, 2025, Block Watch Meeting 7 PM In Community Center topic Frauds and Scams

May 26th, 2025, Memorial Day Parade starts In Silverton at 10 AM and Mayor Donnellon's birthday followed by the cookout at the Community Center hosted by the Police Department.

June 9th, 2025, meet n Greet at Deer Park Public Library 7 pm

June 17th, Block Watch Meeting moved to Silverton Fire Station 7 PM

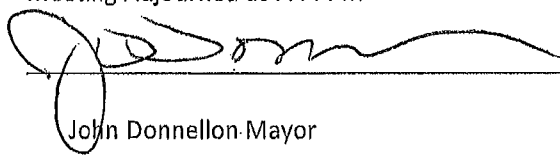
**Executive Session Pending or imminent court action**

**A public body may only discuss matters specifically identified in R.C 121.22 G in executive session**

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:29 PM; Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 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 at 7:42 pm to end Executive Session, Ms., Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried

Mr. Feldhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM



John Donnellon-Mayor



Angle Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council