

City of Deer Park City Council Regular Meeting, Municipal Building, May 20, 2024

Vice Mayor Feldhaus 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 absent, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark present. Mayor Donnellon absent.

Mr. Camp made a motion to excuse Mayor Donnellon, and Mr. Kelly. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kohorst made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6th, 2024, Council Meeting. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark.

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk of council to read by title only Resolution 2024-07

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Kleiningers group for Professional Engineering Services for the Blue Ash Rd. Improvements Phase 2. Ms. Westmark made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Roll vote taken: Mr. Camp-yes, Ms. Downs- yes, Mr. Feldhaus- yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, and Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to read by title only Resolution 2024-06, a resolution awarding bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Graybach LLC to construct a Pavilion within Chamberlin Park.

Ms. Downs made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued, only one bid received, the bid includes everything, there are no steps. It will be ground level; the public will be able to see all performers. Work must be completed by Dec 31st, 2024. Roll vote taken:

Mr. Camp-yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Ms. Kohorst-yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, motion carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Camp presented the Police Report, there were 1082 calls for service in April.

Chief Battin informed council that effective June 1st there will be body cameras on all Police officers. The Police Department put an officer thru grant writing school which helped to find the funding.

Chief Battin informed council about an event April 5th, a resident. Mr. Daily, saw two suspicious persons, and called the Deer Park Police Department. They were walking up and down a driveway. He followed the individuals as they got into their car, (with backpacks), & he contacted the Deer Park Police. Deer Park & Amberley Village officers recovered the items that had been stolen, over \$3500. The \$3500 were items just stolen that day. There were 5 victims in Deer Park, Blue Ash and Sycamore Township, Amberley Village. Mr. Daily asked to speak, he wanted to thank the police department, and the dispatcher for such a great job. Mr. Daily reminded us that if you see something say something.

Discussion ensued about the body cameras.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

The work on Plainfield Rd. railroad tracks should be completed by end of next week.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Music in the Park June 1st the Billy Rock Band 7 pm.

The Days in the Park festival is August 2-3rd 2024, we need volunteers.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly none

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Camp stated we had a duplicate resolution number.

To correct the error Mr., Feldhaus made a motion to change resolution 2024-05 to resolution 2024-07

Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kohorst asked about council having a citizen of the month program, she made a motion to recognize Shaughn Daily as the citizen of the month. Discussion ensued. This program would be nominations from council members about citizens who should receive recognition. They also would be highlighted in the city newsletter. The name of the program will be Citizen Recognition program. Ms. Kohorst amended her motion to ask council to begin the Citizen Recognition Program. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Kohorst made a motion to recognize Mr. Daily as the first citizen recognized under the program. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Camp brought up the fire lane at Wentworth homes. There is a tentative date of August 12th to have a meet n greet with residents to discuss the issue.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor –Wanted to recognize Memorial Day and thank those who gave their lives for us.

City Manager-

The cruiser is on the auction website. Discussed health insurance costs for city employees are going up 7.5% . It was supposed to be 10.5% but due to reserves we could drop the price. He is taking Friday off and using a few days off in June.

Mayor- none

Schedule:

June 3, 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

June 17, 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 1, 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 15, 2024 CIC Meeting 12:30 PM (public hearing at 6:30 pm tax budget)

July 15, 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Events:

Council meet n greet on June 10th @ 7 PM @ the Deer Park Public library

May 21, 2024 Block Watch Meeting 7:00 pm at the Community Center

June 18th 2024 Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM at the Community Center

June 1st Music in the Park 7:00 PM

June 22nd 2024 Music in the Park 7:00 PM

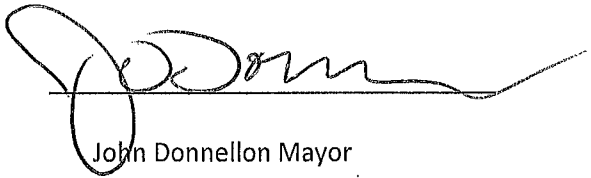
May 27th 2024 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am starting in Silverton

Yoga in the Park every Saturday at 10:00 am thru the summer.

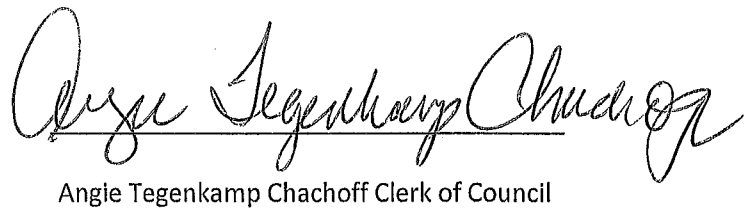
September 28, 2024 Strategic Planning Session 8:30-noon at the Community Center

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

Meeting adjourned 7:41PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council