

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
August 1, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Daily motioned to excuse Ms. Downs. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Westmark. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

~~Presentation Hamilton County Recycling – Gage Bradford~~ – No one from Hamilton County to present.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

JUNE 2022 JEDZ REPORT

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the June 2022 JEDZ report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

JUNE 2022 AUDITOR’S AND TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the June 2022 Auditor’s and Treasurer’s report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

JULY INCOME TAX REPORT

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the July 2022 Income Tax report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A NEW JOHN DEERE GATOR

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-14 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-14. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-15 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 1333 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF DEER PARK OHIO TITLED HOUSING AND PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Ordinance 2022-15 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the two reading rule for Ordinance 2022-15. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. Discussion ensued. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Ordinance 2022-15. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

June 2022 Fire Report

Mr. Camp announced that in the month of June 2022 there were 77 fire runs and 85 EMS runs for a total of 510 so far this year in the city. The total in the complete district for the year so far is 1657.

June 2022 Police Report

Mr. Feldhaus announced that in June 2022 the police department investigated a homicide that occurred on Monterey Avenue. A brother took his younger brother's life, and later took his own when located by police in Kentucky. The department's focus is now on the senior citizen father who lost both of his sons in this senseless tragedy. In June 2022 there were 791 calls responded to. First shift reported 236 details, seconded shift reported 414 details and third shift reported 141 details.

Chief Schlie's Update

Chief Schlie stated that he met with the elderly father who lost his two sons in the above mentioned tragedy. The neighbors in the community have been a great help with getting this man connected with the council on aging, meals on wheels and an attorney to help sort out everything in this devastating loss.

Chief Schlie announced that we have been short a day shift clerk for about 4 months now. A civil service test was given, and 5 candidates have been interviewed. The process will move a little more rapidly now and hopes are to have this position filled by the end of August. A police test was also given for an eligibility list position as a lieutenant is retiring in October. Two officers took this test and they both did very well.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs –

Dr. Jetter stated that crews are out doing catch basin repairs. The festival is this weekend. There is a hole in Plainfield Road, which we are trying to get fixed before the festival. Discussion ensued. We have applied with OKI for phase II of Blue Ash Road. Mr. Camp asked if Waterworks and Duke Energy replacements are still on hold and per Dr. Jetter they are on hold until 2023.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the most recent Party in the Park, featuring "String Theory", saw good weather and was a fantastic turnout. For the festival this weekend: Friday August 5, The Remains will play. Saturday August 6, The Cassette Junkies will play, and we will have fireworks at 10:00 pm.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business – Mr. Feldhaus asked Dr. Jetter about a fundraiser for Chamberlin Park, that was mentioned recently. Dr. Jetter stated that he has a meeting next Thursday regarding this. Discussion ensued.

New Business – Dr. Jetter asked for a motion to advertise for repaving of the Community Center parking lot. There are funds available as this is also a place when we can have education for Covid. Mayor Donnellon motioned to advertise for repaving of the Community Center parking lot. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. Mr. Camp wondered how many parking spaces this will add when we get rid of diamond 5. Ms. Westmark inquired if the school that shares the parking lot will assist in funding. Dr. Jetter will approach the school with an amount once the bid is complete as they have agreed to help.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco reported that the Board of Elections requested information regarding charter changes, which he and Dr. Jetter worked on. We are in good shape and are ahead of the August 2 deadline for the November 8 general election. The constitutional requirements state that we mail a copy of these changes to every elector in Deer Park, which we will do at least 30 days before.

City Manager – Dr. Jetter stated that he had to go before the tax incentive review council last week on our CRA on Deer Park Roofing. The original projection was \$800,000 however this has performed very well at 2.6 million in revenue. Dr. Jetter also presented the townhome project, even though there is no revenue yet. They accepted the staff report and wanted him to inform council that he met with them.

Next Tuesday Dr. Jetter has a meeting at 1:00 pm with Commissioner Dumas and her staff as we are trying to find additional funds for Blue Ash Road. The county has a lot of money available in development funds that we could use to acquire the old movie theater and the office buildings next door. We are also reaching out to the Port Authority, who is interested in doing a joint development on that property in mixed use with the parking garage.

We have received \$45,000 from the community development economic plan who had extra money that we are going to use towards tearing the old movie theater down.

We have applied with ODNR for \$100,000 funds for a music pavilion. If this comes through, we will have close to \$300,000 for this project.

The iPads that are in front of council tonight are made possible by the funds under the paper reduction act.

The Wickshire is for sale, and we are trying to get it sold to a developer to have it no longer be an assisted living community. Discussion ensued. The townhome kickoff date is in September. They have a VIP list of over 100 people and 20 sales already!

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon announced that this weekend is the Days in the Park Festival, which is the biggest event of the year for the Park Board. Please come to support the park and our community! Tomorrow is election day so please get out and vote as you make a difference.

Schedule

August 2, 2022 Primary Election Day

~~August 15, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm~~ Cancelled

September 6, 2022, Council Meeting 7:00PM

September 19, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00PM

November 8, 2022 Election Day

Community Events

August 5 and 6, 2022 Days in the Park Festival 6:00 pm - Midnight

August 16, 2022 Block Watch 7:00 pm at the Community Center

August 27, 2022 Music in the Park Every Peoples Band 7:30- 10:30 pm

September 12, 2022, Council Informational Session from 7-8 pm at the Deer Park Library

September 20, 2022 Block Watch Community Center at 7:00 pm

November 12, 2022 Armchair Races at the Community Center

November 26, 2022 Holiday Tree Lighting

December 12, 2022 Council Informational Session from 7-8 pm at the Deer Park Library

Adjournment

Mr. Camp motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council