

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
July 5, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Daily. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – abstain, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-10 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF REVISIONS TO THE CITY CHARTER TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK OHIO Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-11 by title only. Ms. Westmark then amended her motion and asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-13 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-13. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM(S), TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AND TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION AS REQUIRED Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-12 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-12. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

Mr. Camp stated that at this point we do not have the Police or Fire Report. Mr. Camp thanked the Police Chief and staff for keeping Council and members of the community in the loop, on what they could, involving the sad situation on Monterey Avenue.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs - None

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the June 25 Party in the Park, featuring “Eden” saw good weather and was a good turnout considering other area community events happening simultaneously. The next Party in the Park is this Saturday, July 9, from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm featuring “Jump and Jive Big Band”. Mr. Camp asked if the Park Board was able to get ride vendors for the Days in the Park Festival. Mr. Feldhaus and Mayor Donnellon both stated that it’s been a real challenge as some have gone out of business since the pandemic and never came back. Mayor Donnellon stated we do have some rides lined up, even though it is not as many or as good as in the past.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Ms. Perin announced that the Ohio Division of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control sent a notice letting us know that Del Sabino LLC DBA Emanuel Super Mercado at 4343 E. Galbraith Road applied for a liquor license. The letter states that a decision of whether we request a hearing or not must send back by July 14, 2022. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp motioned to refer this decision to the City Manager and the Deer Park Police. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Ms. Westmark asked Mr. Jetter about the seal work on St. John’s Terrace as they packed up and left. Mr. Jetter stated they won’t be back until the end of July or the first of August.

Mr. Feldhaus inquired about a Tractor Trailer parked on Plainfield Road. Discussion ensued. The police will check on it.

Mr. Daily motioned to cancel the July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting and the August 15, 2022 City Council Meeting unless something comes up and we need to re-add a meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

New Business – None

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco thanked Ms. Downs for the opportunity to speak at the recent Block Watch meeting regarding the newest concealed carry law and thanked City Council for cancelling the upcoming second meetings in July and August. Mr. Pacheco also updated all on the newest Ohio fireworks law, which went into effect on July 1, 2022. It allows fireworks to be set off on private property, with owner’s permission, only on certain dates throughout the year. The Department of Commerce has a list of all these dates. City Council can exempt out of this and/or make changes for Deer Park if they choose. Discussion ensued. Ms. Westmark asked Lt. Miller if there were any issues with fireworks over the 4th of July holiday weekend. Lt. Miller stated it was about the same as in the past with no major issues.

City Manager – Mr. Jetter stated that we are preparing for the State Auditor to be here the rest of July and August. Some councilmembers are getting complaints regarding parking on the street and there is no law against this as it is a public street. As some cars are taking advantage and parking there more than 48 hours, Mr. Jetter had a meeting with Chief Schlie, and some action will be taken. Ms. Downs mentioned that when only one side of the street is available it can present an issue, especially when one person takes up way too many of spaces with cars, motorcycles and trailers, etc. Mr. Jetter asked council to send any complaints to him or Chief Schlie. On Blue Ash Road, the sidewalk, curb and gutter are being done in preparation of the townhomes. We are waiting for Duke to make the gas connection. The air conditioning in the Community Center went out due to a broken capacitor and it was repaired today. Some things for council to have on their radar are: a new cruiser is needed probably the end of 2023 or 2024. The 1999 dump truck needs replacing and will take time to arrive, for example if ordered now it wouldn’t be here until the second quarter of next year with a cost \$180,000. Finally, Mr. Jetter mentioned that we are hoping to have iPads by the next meeting for each council member to be able to see legislation and information digitally.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon announced that the beautification award nominations are due July 22, 2022 at 4 pm. Applications are available online or from Janet Kelly in the city office. The awards will be announced on Saturday August 6 at the festival. Mr. Feldhaus brought to the Mayor’s attention how Deer Park was ranked one of the top local communities to live.

Schedule

~~July 18, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 PM~~ Cancelled

August 1, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

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

Community Events

July 9, 2022 Music in the Park “Jump and Jive Big Band” 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

July 17, 2022 Music in the Park (The Maui Pranksters) (Sunday) 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

No Block Watch in July 2022

July 23, 2022 Music in the Park (String Theory) 7:00 pm-10:30 pm

August 5 and 6, 2022 Days in the Park Festival

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

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

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. Kelly motioned to adjourn. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council