

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

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Camp, Mr. Feldhaus, Ms. Westmark. All members present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Camp motioned to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly abstained. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Michelle Barrett – 7815 Moss Court

Ms. Barrett addressed Council to voice concerns about a neighbor setting off M-80's in his yard. Ms. Barrett provided pictures of holes in the yard created by the explosives. Ms. Barrett is concerned for the safety of both residents and property in the area. Chief Battin took the information that Ms. Barrett provided and the police department will address the issue.

Jessica Mann – 7901 Plainfield Road

Ms. Mann is concerned about a tree at 7841 Plainfield Road that is leaning toward her house. Ms. Mann believes the tree is unstable and could possibly fall on her house. She has tried to contact the property owner, but they have been unresponsive. Dr. Jetter noted we will forward the information to Gerry Stoker who can look into it, as it is likely a property maintenance violation.

Margie & Kevin Hillman – 3909 Hemphill Way

Mr. & Mrs. Hillman reported that there are frequent parking violations on Hemphill Way, such as parked cars in yards, parking too close to the fence, cars taking up too many spots. Additionally, cars frequently run the stop sign when turning on to Hemphill Way. Chief Battin will have the police department look into the issues and advised the residents to call the police department when they see the cars parked illegally.

Marcie Grigsby – 61 Wentworth

Ms. Grigsby thanked Deer Park for a warm welcome to the new residents of Wentworth Townhomes. Ms. Grigsby noted the street signs are up and look nice. A meet-n-greet with Wentworth residents and City Council has been discussed, TBD.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-16 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM “B.J.” JETTER AS CITY MANAGER AND APPROVING HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-16, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-16. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the July 2023 JEDZ Report. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the July 2023 Income Report. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the July 2023 Fund Report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

Mr. Camp presented the July 2023 Fire District report.

Mr. Feldhaus presented the July 2023 Police report. Residents are reminded to remove all valuables from their cars and lock their cars overnight.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs -

Ms. Downs gave the following updates on Public Works projects:

- Rack & Ballauer have reached out to GCWW regarding the abandoned gas line on Plainfield, but have not heard back yet. The project continues to move forward, but the work locations have been re-arranged until the gas line problem is resolved.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mr. Feldhaus reported the annual “Days in the Park” festival was a great success and thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the success of the festival. The anticipated revenue for the Park Board is estimated at \$13,000 - \$15,000.

The Party in the Park concert on August 19 was fortunate to have great weather, but the band’s sound system was not good, making the concert less enjoyable.

The final “Party in the Park” concert is Saturday, September 23. This is when the drawing for the Grand Raffle will be held.

There were 13 recipients of the Beautification Award. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for investing in your property!

Upcoming events are the Horse Races on November 11, and the tree lighting ceremony.

Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported the committee met on Thursday, August 3.

- The University of Cincinnati Chief Diversity Officer attended the meeting and offered advice on goal setting.
- The next meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Daily requested that the City look into establishing a vacant property ordinance. Mr. Pacheco will research the topic for discussion at the September 18, 2023 meeting.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- The computer network is being serviced this week.
- The auditors will be back sometime this week to conduct a new audit.
- The city has applied for a \$40,000 mini-grant for park improvements.
- The property at 8108 Blue Ash Road will be demolished after the asbestos removal is complete.
- The path in the park will be resurfaced beginning August 28.
- There SORTA grant for Linden and Lake has been approved.

Mayor -

Mayor Donnellon motioned to cancel the meeting on Monday, September 4 due to Labor Day. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

“Dave Collins Way” will be dedicated on Sunday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m. by the upper shelter. All are welcome, please RSVP to Ms. Westmark.

Veterans & First Responders will be honored at the Deer Park Football game on Friday, September 1. Congratulations to Mr. Feldhaus who will be inducted to the Deer Park High School Hall of Fame.

Reminder to all motorists! School is now in session. Please slow down and keep an eye out for children traveling to and from school.

If you are going out of town for vacation, please let the Police Department know so they can keep an eye out on your house while you're away.

Schedule

August 24, 2023 Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

September 11, 2023 – Quarterly Meet & Greet at Deer Park Library – 7:00 p.m.

September 18, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

October 2, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

October 16, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Community Events

September 19, 2023 – Block Watch Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Community Center. There will be a self-defense presentation.

Party in the Park Dates

September 23 – Paisley Cane & Grand Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council