

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
January 23, 2017

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the January 9 City Council Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

December 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the December 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Safety Committee

Fire District Sub-Committee on Recruitment and Outreach

Mr. Lenihan referred to Mr. Berens for the update. Mr. Berens stated that continued efforts are being made to hire minorities. A study was done to help meet these goals. Tomorrow, January 24, at 4:30 pm a meeting of the sub-committee will meet to discuss this.

Police Department Dispatcher Hiring Update

Mr. Perin referred to Mr. Berens for the update. Mr. Berens announced that the person who scored the highest on the dispatcher test backed out due to another job opportunity. Several others were offered the job but also backed out. We will hire another one soon.

Block Watch

Mr. Perin stated that the last Block Watch meeting took place on January 17.

Public Works Committee

Pothole Repairs

Mr. Tassell stated that we may be getting calls about potholes around the city. Mr. Berens announced that in 2016 we filled 635 potholes.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

World Trade Center Committee

– Mr. Berens announced that the World Trade Center Committee will have the first meeting on January 26 in the afternoon. The committee includes Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Berens, Mr. Perin, Mr. Tom Camp, two people from the Deer Park Business Association and Chief Schlie. Ron Schwettman will also be there when available.

Park Board – Mayor Donnellon announced that at the last Park Board meeting it was decided that the car show will be moved to September 23, 2017 this year to avoid a conflict with another car show out of town. There is a possibility there will be a BBQ event along with the car show.

Four co-chairs were chosen for the Days in the Park Festival. They are Mr. John Perin, Mr. Dan Mueller, Mr. Jake Preston and Mr. Tom Reno.

Planning and Zoning

Mr. Berens announced that a Planning and Zoning meeting took place before this evening's meeting. A permit was signed for Deer Park Roofing for the front of their building.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –

Mr. Ken Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Brookbank announced that he would like to have an informational meeting set up just for Deer Park residents without Duke Energy being present. He has previously spoke to Mayor Donnellon and is concerned that the community will not understand fully what Duke is planning with the pipeline.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None
New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes announced that there is an official Duke Energy Pipeline informational meeting on January 26 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Blue Ash from 5:30 – 8:30 pm with presentations at 6:00 and 7:30 pm. Questions from the community will be allowed.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Donnellon announced that he wanted to give a shout out to Rose Lavelle, from our local area, who was drafted to the Boston Breakers National Women's Soccer League.

Executive Session –

At 7:51 pm, Mr. Lehane motioned to go into executive session to discuss Safety-Service Director Wages and Benefits to include council members, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Donnellon, President Hedger, Ms. Perin and Mr. Helmes. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin – yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Executive Session concluded at 8:08 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tolliver. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council