

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
June 12, 2017

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Daily, Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Tolliver motioned to excuse Mr. Lehane and Mr. Rapp. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the May 22 City Council Meeting and the June 5 Committee Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Mayor Donnellon administered the Oath of Office to Dr. William “BJ” Jetter as the new Safety-Service Director of The City of Deer Park.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Jared Parr – 3775 O’Leary Avenue Deer Park, OH 45236

Tess Little – 5168 Highview, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Mr. Parr and Ms. Little announced their formation of the Deer Park Community Democratic Club and formally denounced the following former members of that club: Shawn Gavin, Joyce Kramer and Maria Sulcer. It was noted by Mr. Parr and Ms. Little that this is due to their blatant negligence to uphold Democratic values and principals.

Together Mr. Parr and Ms. Little apologized for things they have posted on social media and declared that they were under the mentorship of a truly unethical man. Both extended an olive branch to the city in moving forward as they want to work collaboratively with the city to connect and serve. Both stated that they will not contribute to Mr. Gavin’s efforts of bringing down Deer Park’s administration even though their political opinions differ. They also specified that they will no longer be serving as a news source to the Deer Park residents and that Mr. Gavin will never receive theirs nor Hamilton County’s endorsement as a Democratic candidate.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

May 2017 Income Tax Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the May 2017 Income Tax Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

May 2017 Auditor’s and Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the May 2017 Auditor’s and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

May 2017 Northwest JEDZ Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the May 2017 Northwest JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

June 26, 2017 City Council Meeting

Mr. Tolliver motioned to have a 2nd City Council Meeting on June 26, 2017 to allow a second reading for the 2018 proposed budget. (Resolution 2017-07) Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2017-06 Waiver of the Residency Requirement for Safety-Service Director

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2017-06. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the 3 reading rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-07 Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2018 (First Reading)

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2017-07. So read. . Mr. Tolliver motioned to move to the second reading on June 26 and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2017-08 Establishing the Annual Salary for SSD and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Employment Agreement with the SSD.

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2017-08. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the 3 reading rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee

May 2017 Police Department Report

Mr. Lenihan reported that there were numerous complaints of scratched vehicles while parked on the street. Chief Schlie remarked that this is happening county wide.

May 2017 Fire District Report

Mr. Lenihan stated that for the month of May there were 64 calls for EMS and 14 calls for fire for a total of 78 calls. For the year so far there have been 297 calls for EMS and 48 calls for fire for a total of 345 calls. Mr. Lenihan also reported that there is a district meeting planned for June 13 to discuss the potential for a fire engine purchase as interest rates are currently low.

Civil Service Entrance Examination for Police Officer Position June 20 7:00pm

The civil service entrance exam for the police officer position will take place on June 20 at 7 pm. President Comer asked Chief Schlie how many applicants we have. Chief Schlie announced there have been seven applicants so far.

Public Works Committee

Summer Operations Update

Mr. Tassell announced that summer operations are in full swing with the mowing of grass in the park as well as vacant properties. The park is in good shape and we are preparing for the festival.

Report of Special Committees / Boards – None

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – Carrie Baker – 4165
Webster Avenue Deer Park, OH 45236** – Ms. Baker inquired on the salary amount for the new Safety-Service Director and was advised it is \$80,000 annually.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes mentioned that on Thursday June 15 from 3 pm- 8 pm there will be a public hearing on the Duke pipeline at UC Blue Ash in Muntz Hall in Room 119.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Jetter stated that he hopes everyone enjoys the tennis courts as festival season approaches and thanked Mayor Donnellon for his help in resolving an issue with the tennis courts today.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Donnellon announced the following:

- The Park Board has received grant approved for a handicapped swing to be installed this summer in the park.
- The next “Music in the Park” is scheduled for June 24 featuring Bluegrass Mafia.
- It is now festival season from June through September all along Plainfield Road from St. John’s in June to Festival in Sycamore at Bechtold in July to Days in the Park in August and finally St. Saviour’s in September. Please be aware of pedestrians and traffic who are out and about in these areas as safety is a priority.
- It is hot outside so please check on any neighbors or friends who may not have air conditioning.
- Mayor Donnellon welcomed Mr. Jetter as the new Safety-Service Director.

Adjournment

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council