

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
March 26, 2018

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Ms. Culver, Mr. Daily, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Rapp, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Camp.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Culver reminded all that in the March 12, 2018 minutes there was a correction and her copy did not reflect the correction showing in the schedule the City Council Meeting instead of the Committee Meeting on March 26, 2018. Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Deer Park Varsity Boys Basketball Team Champions

Mayor Donnellon congratulated the Deer Park Varsity Boys Basketball Team on bringing home the State Title last Saturday, March 24, 2018. A parade is scheduled for Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 6:30 pm with a pep rally to follow at the high school at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Marcie Longenecker State of Ohio Treasurers Office – Ms. Longenecker announced the publishing of the Ohio Checkbook site for the City of Deer Park and presented it on the big screen to show how user friendly the site is. Ms. Longenecker stated that she and Mr. Applegate have been working on it for some time. Ms. Longenecker mentioned that Treasurer Mandel wanted to offer this same format to all 3,692 Government entities across the state of Ohio. You can access it at <https://deerpark.ohiocheckbook.com>. Discussion ensued.

Jeff Capell – 9354 Hunters Creek Drive – Mr. Capell stated that he was recently elected to Blue Ash City Council and applauds Deer Park for publishing on the checkbook site. He looks forward to doing this for the City of Blue Ash as well.

Standing Committee Reports

February 2018 JEDZ Report

Mr. Tassell presented the February 2018 JEDZ Report. Report accepted as presented.

February 2018 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report

Mr. Tassell presented the February 2018 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Report accepted as presented.

ORDINANCE 2018-13 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tassell asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2018-13. So read. Mr. Tassell made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Ms.

Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-14 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR, AND DECLAIN AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tassell asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2018-14. So read. Mr. Tassell made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Camp. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-15 AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 1302: “VACANT PROPERTIES OF THE DEER PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. Tassell motioned to refer Ordinance 2018-15 to Committee. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Mr. Gavin asked for the floor and announced that he would like to see more support for Mr. Jetter in moving forward with the Vacant Property Ordinance as written as Mr. Gavin feels that we have serious issues with private and business properties and need to vote tonight. Ms. Culver also stated that she feels it is time for a vote. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tassell motioned to call the question. Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – no, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-16 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION 3 STATE TITLE CHAMPTIONSHIP

Mr. Tassell asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2018-16. So read. Mr. Tassell made a motion to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule and was seconded by Mr. Daily. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Camp. Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee

Liquor Board Hearing April 9, 2018 Car Rock Café

President Comer announced that there is a hearing on April 9, 2018 at the Hamilton County Commissioner’s Office on Fourth Street in Cincinnati regarding the transfer of the liquor license from one family member to another within the business. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Committee

Mill and Grind Paving Work Start April 9th, 2018

Mr. Rapp stated that the following streets are having Mill and Grind paving work done starting on April 9, 2018: Oakwood, Dearborn, Quartermaine, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland. Residents are being notified by letter.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far

Ken Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Brookbank thanked the Police Department, the Fire Department and City Council for helping an elderly resident in his neighborhood.

Ann Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mrs. Brookbank asked Mr. Tassell about calling the question during the earlier discussion of Ordinance 2018-15 and stated that she believes that it was a conflict of interest since it involves rental property. Mr. Tassell and President Comer stated that almost all of City Council owns property. President Comer stated that we are going to bring this discussion back to committee and do it right. Discussion ensued.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes asked City Council for more guidance on procedures when asking him to write up a Resolution or Ordinance in the future. Discussion ensued.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Jetter thanked Mr. Rapp for announcing the Mill and Grind street repairs and noted that letters are going out to residents. Bulletin boards around the city are going to be replaced. At next week's Committee Meeting, when we discuss vacant properties, Mr. Jetter would like to have City Council consider withdrawing tax abatement and will have numbers to present.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Donnellon announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 31, 2018 at Chamberlin Park.

Schedule

Ohio Sunshine Law Program – March 29, 2018 Forest Park (Frame USA 9:00 till noon)

World Trade Center Committee Meeting March 29, 2018 at 4 pm

Council Committee Meeting April 2, 2018 at 7 pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council