

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
June 4th, 2018

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislative and Finance Committee

Presentation by Hamilton County Public Health “We Thrive” Program

At the invitation of Council Member Culver, Kimberley Chef presented on the benefits to the community of the “We Thrive” Program. The program addresses several ways to improve health and quality of life. After discussion amongst Council Members on specifics it was agreed to ask Mr. Helms to draft a resolution of support to place before Council.

Rules of Council:

Tabled

Budget 2019:

Mr. Applegate discussed the projections for future expenditures and income in preparation for the budget legislation that will be brought before Council. He asked members to review the projections and have any questions ready for the next meeting. Mr. Applegate stated he would not be able to attend the June 25th meeting.

SSD. Jetter expanded on some of the purchases, services, and projects affecting the budget as well as efforts toward revenue collection.

Safety Committee:

Council Member Dailey made a motion to move the report into Executive Session due to pending litigation at 7:41 PM properly seconded.

Council reconvened in regular session at 8:03 PM on motion by Council Member Culver properly seconded.

Public Works Committee:

Council Member Culver opened with discussion of the condition of the pedestrian crossing of the rail line into Chamberlin Park. SSD Jetter advised the City is working with the rail road and that it is likely the entire line would be replaced/repared next year. Council Member Gavin pointed out that we lease that crossing and it should be repaired if hazardous. SSD Jetter advised that the City only leases the access, it is still RR property, but he is pushing the safety aspect to spur the RR into action. He also advised any one could file a complaint with the Ohio Rail Commission regarding the crossing.

SSD Jetter reported the O’Leary Project will start in two months. 14 homes have the option to re-sleeve their lead supply lines at that time. The low bid on the work was

\$3000 with a Water Works providing a \$1300 stipend. The option lies with the homeowner so the SSD believes an assessment would be inadvisable.

Also discussed: On Blue Ash Rd. the utility poles would be moved to the new set-back and would be replaced with metal poles. The St. John's Bike Connector has moved to the engineering phase. There was an emergency repair necessary due to a sinkhole on Galbraith Rd. at Gail. Two pumps went out in the City Building. A traffic signal control box was damaged at Deer Park and Plainfield.

Council Member Gavin pointed out that some of the road repairs made by the Service Department do not appear to be as smooth as other communities and inquired if there was a training or experience issue. SSD Jetter advised there was a learning curve to the equipment that was either rented (tar machine) or new but was confident in their abilities and by doing as much of the work in-house as possible would save the taxpayers money. He further stated the new Bobcat was capable of completing the State mandated annual street sweeping saving the cost of contracting that project. SSD Jetter closed by adding that the recent storm set-back some of the work. The funding grant for Clifford cannot be applied for until July and that the earlier TID funds had been reimbursed to the City.

Council Member Gavin asked for an update on the Park Festival. Whether or not the City was endorsing a church that would be holding events in the Park, and for an update on the WTC Project.

SSD Jetter advised the Park Board was still finalizing plans for the festival and that the church in question had applied for the use permits and was conducting some type of youth program but the City was not involved beyond approving the permits.

Council Member Camp stated the WTC project was progressing and funding was being sought.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Lt. Dan McCormick
Clerk of Council Pro Tem