

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
February 25, 2013

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### ***Public Comment***

*Jeff Langdon – Superintendent of Deer Park Schools*

Mr. Langdon updated Council on many things happening in our school system:

- Deer Park is hosting a Job Fair at Amity Elementary on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Applications have been made for over \$100,000 in grants. So far, we have received almost \$30,000 in grant money.
- Safety training for all teachers was held on February 15. Thanks to Chief Schlie, Chief Newman and Retired Chief Gille. During spring break, new buzzer systems will begin to be installed so that all front doors can be locked. Amity will be the first to receive the new system.
- The 55<sup>th</sup> Cakewalk was a success. Up next are Parkers and the Ice Cream Social.
- Holmes Elementary was awarded the Governor's School of Promise award.
- The principal search for Amity continues. The district is shooting for an August 1 start date.
- DPHS is now offering dual enrollment opportunities with the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State. A third (summer) semester is being put together for an Introduction to Psychology course.
- Grades 6 through 11 participated in College Day on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Chief Don Newman – Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District*

Chief Newman addressed Council to explain the operating levy that will appear on the May ballot. It is a 1.5 mill, in addition to the existing 6.4 mill levy, which will cost a homeowner an additional \$45.23 annually for a home valued at \$100,000. The original levy was passed in 1998, with a renewal in 2006. The decrease in property taxes and the state cuts have reduced the income for the district. The Fire District aggressively pursues grants and is the only department in Hamilton County to receive a grant for a new fire truck. The employees have had no raises, their insurance deductibles have been raised to \$1000, and costs have been cut wherever possible. The Fire District serves our community well, with about 2400 runs annually. Chief Newman thanked Council for their time.

### ***Legislative and Finance***

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the January 2013 Income Tax report. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2013-6 AN AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ELECTRIC RETAIL SALES TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC AND RELATED SERVICES**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Hall. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Hall. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2013-8 AN AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Tassell – abstain. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hedger reported Student Government Night will be held on Monday, March 11. The Department Heads and Board Presidents will not be included this year. The dinner will be at Rusty's and the meeting will be held in Council Chambers. Invitations will be sent to the parents.

### ***Safety***

Mr. Berens reported the patrolman hiring process is ongoing. Four candidates are scheduled to be interviewed this week.

### ***Public Works***

Mr. Berens reported the service department's vehicles are aging. The oldest dump truck is a 1994 and it is time to start looking into replacing it. The newest dump truck is a 2002, and is at the dealer now for repairs to the transmission.

All the road salt has been delivered and our salt bins are completely full.

One temporary summer laborer will be hired this year.

***Park Board Report*** – Mr. Perin reported the Easter Egg Hunt is March 23. The Park Board is still working on scheduling another Trivia Night. The Whiffle Ball Tournament will be July 20.

***New Business*** – None.

***Public Comment*** – None.

***Notable Communications*** –None.

***Law Director*** – None.

***Auditor*** – None.

***Safety-Service Director*** – None.

***Mayor's Report***

Mayor Collins reported that he received a letter from Silverton Mayor John Smith. The parade route through Silverton will travel up Ohio Avenue to Webster Avenue, as it is better attended in that area. The parade will be followed by the luncheon at the Fire Department.

***Adjournment***

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lehane. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council