

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
November 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 November 11, 2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Legislative and Finance

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2013-27 ADOPTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO AMENDED AND RESTATED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – 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. Rapp – 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. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Council had a discussion about HB 92 which addresses Needle Exchange. Currently there are only 3 in the State of Ohio, one in Cleveland, one in Portsmouth and one in the planning stages in Springdale. Since the needle exchanges are allowed in Ohio, Deer Park cannot ban them outright, but could update the zoning code to restrict areas where they would be allowed. Mr. Tassell will do some more research. Mr. Berens will contact Mr. Jay Stewart from Kleinger's for his opinion. This topic will be on the next committee meeting agenda for discussion.

Mr. Berens reported the Sycamore Senior Center has requested a donation from the City of Deer Park. The Senior Center provides services to Deer Park residents, such as Meals on Wheels. Further discussion will be held at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Berens reported we received a proposal from Kleinger's to update our comprehensive plan. The cost is \$5,150. OKI will also assist with the update at no charge. Mr. Tassell suggested inviting Mr. Stewart to the next committee meeting to discuss the proposal.

Safety

Mr. Berens reported the police department is facing two retirements in 2014. One retirement has been officially announced, while the other is anticipated for fall of 2014. Both officers

retiring are lieutenants. The Civil Service Commission will need to administer both entrance and promotional exams in 2014.

Mr. Lehane reported the Fire Board passed legislation for the purchase of two new electric cots.

Public Works

Mr. Berens reported the Service Department is also facing a retirement in 2014.

Mr. Berens reported he met with the Blue Ash Road TID board last week. The project received many favorable projects.

The Service Department is still collecting leaves, but they are ready to go in case of a snow event. They will get back to brush collection asap.

Park Board Report

The Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be on Friday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to the Park Board for the lights in the park. They look great!

New Business

The JEDZ board needs to be formed. Representatives from Deer Park will include two Council Members and Mr. Berens. The board will meet every 2 months or so. Mr. Hall motioned to appoint Mr. Tassell, Ms. Newsom and Mr. Berens to the JEDZ Board. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – None.

Notable Communications – None.

Law Director – None.

Auditor – None.

Safety-Service Director

The DPBA will hold it's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Mio Vino. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Mr. Berens.

Mayor's Report – None.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council