

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
March 4, 2013

Mr. Comer opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislative and Finance

Student Government Night

Mrs. Hedger reported she is working with Mr. McCluggage to work out the final details for Student Government Night on Monday, March 11. The dinner will be at Rusty's at 5:15 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers. The dinner will be \$15 per person, which includes a tip.

February 2013 Income Tax Report

Mr. Berens reported the February 2013 Income Tax was in Council mailboxes for their review.

January 2013 Auditor & Treasurer's Report

Mr. Berens reported the January 2013 Auditor and Treasurer's Report was in Council mailboxes for their review.

Upcoming Legislation

Mr. Berens reported the upcoming pieces of legislation for the next meeting are: a resolution opposing HB5, the annual appropriations ordinance, and an expenditure ordinance for the student's meals at Rusty's. Mr. Applegate reviewed the appropriations ordinance and encouraged Council to call with any questions they may have.

Safety

Police and Fire Department Monthly Reports

The Fire Department report is in Council mailboxes. The Police report will be available next week.

Public Works

Civil War Trail

Mr. Berens reported Deer Park has more directional signs for the John Hunt Morgan Trail than any other local community. There is also an interpretive sign in front of the old Schenck House. The local historical societies have been working on a dedication ceremony this summer, as the trail reaches its 150th Anniversary. The dedication will take place July 13 -14, 2013. More details will be forthcoming.

Street Sealing

Mr. Berens reported he met with Ryan Terry, of Terry Industries, which is a sister company to Strasser Construction. Mr. Terry suggested that Deer Park cape seal some streets in the City to extend the life of the roads by 5 – 7 years. Mr. Berens will report back to Council on the cost and the procedure. Deer Park will continue to do the crack sealing annually, as this is also a good

way to extend the life of our streets. Mr. Tassell asked about a lightweight sealant that is applied to blacktop after it has been laid for one year. Mr. Berens will research that and report back to Council.

Duke Energy Retail Rate Reduction

Mr. Berens reported he received notice from Chris Eyer of Duke Energy Retail that all customers enrolled in the opt-in electric aggregation program will receive an automatic rate reduction in April.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Hedger asked about the status of Deer Park Roofing. Mr. Berens stated they need to expand and are looking for ways to do that and stay in Deer Park. They would like to buy the house immediately behind their property, but the homeowner is unwilling to sell. Mrs. Fitzgerald is working to help them find a location in Deer Park that will accommodate their needs.

Ms. Newsom voiced concerns about the vacant homes in Deer Park. Mr. Berens will have Mr. Stoker keep an eye on them to make sure they are maintained. Mr. Berens will also contact the Sheriff's Office to see if we can obtain a list of all the properties that are vacant or up delinquent on their property taxes. Mr. Berens stated he has not received any complaints about vacant homes recently.

Schedule:

- City Council Meeting, Student Government Night, Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- Park Board Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council