

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
June 3, 2013

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

Legislative and Finance

Financial Reports

Mr. Berens reported the May 2013 Income Tax, as well as the April Auditor and Treasurer report, were in Council mailboxes for their review. Income tax revenues are up 3% over last year.

2014 Annual Budget

Mr. Applegate reviewed the 2014 Annual Tax Budget. The legislation for the budget will require three readings, so Council will need to hold both business meetings in June. The Public Hearing will be on June 24, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.

Driving Under Suspension Ordinance Update

Mr. Berens recommended that the “driving under suspension” ordinance should be updated to an unclassified misdemeanor, so that these cases can be heard in Mayor’s Court. Mr. Helmes will work on the ordinance.

Duke Energy Retail Sales Agreement

Legislation for this agreement will be on next week’s agenda. The agreement will save Deer Park about \$1300 annually on its energy bill for the city offices, etc.

Sycamore Senior Center Request for Donation

Mr. Berens reported the Sycamore Senior Center has requested a donation from the City. We have done this in the past, but it was cut from the budget in 2009. Mr. Berens suggested the City make a \$500 donation. After a brief discussion, Council was in agreement to make a \$500 donation to the Sycamore Senior Center.

Duke Energy Revitalization Grant

Mr. Berens reported Deer Park will submit an application for the Duke Energy Revitalization Grant, which will be used to make façade improvements to the buildings along Blue Ash Road, including the Deer Park Deli, the Car Rock Café and the vacant store fronts. All the business owners are committed to the project. The City is partnering with the Roselawn Urban Community Redevelopment group, as they are a 501(c)3 organization and can accept the funding on behalf of Deer Park. Mr. Berens is hopeful that we will receive the grant funding.

Safety

Police and Fire Department Monthly Reports

Reports will be available next week.

Public Works

Quartermaine Resurfacing

Mr. Berens presented an estimate for doing a grind and repave on Quartermaine Avenue. The cost would be about \$40,500 and does not include curbs, aprons, catch basins and no contingencies for any needed utility adjustments. Council agreed that they do want to save funds for Redmont Avenue and reapply for grant funding in the fall of 2013.

Schedule:

- City Council Meeting, Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- Park Board Meeting, Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council