

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

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

Legislative and Finance

CRA Agreement with Sabino Properties, LLC and Hamilton County Tax Review Council to Serve at the Tax Incentive Review Council for Deer Park CRA Program

Mr. Berens reported that Deer Park Roofing will be moving to the old Remke building, and will receive a tax abatement from the CRA. The CRA helped the city retain Deer Park Roofing. The company is planning \$350,000 in renovations, and a payroll increase from \$650,000 to \$1.5 million over the next 3 years. A tax incentive review council is required for all CRA's. Hamilton County Community Development has agreed to serve as the review board at no cost to Deer Park.

Special Assessment on Property to Mitigate High Weeds and Grass

Mr. Berens is investigating legislation to place liens on properties where the City has to abate high grass and weeds. Mr. Comer believes the ordinance is already in place. Mr. Berens will investigate and report back to Council.

Financial Reports

Mr. Berens reported the August 2013 Income Tax Report, as well as the July 2013 Auditor and Treasurer Reports are in Council mailboxes for their review. Income tax collections are up compared to 2012.

Welcome to Deer Park Signs

Mr. Berens presented two designs to Council for new gateway signs. Council agreed to move forward with the signs with the new logo. The estimated cost to replace the signs is \$1800.00.

Beautification Awards

The Deer Park Beautification Awards will be presented at the September 23, 2013 Council meeting. There was a brief discussion about doing them earlier in the season next year.

Safety

Police and Fire Department Monthly Reports

Reports will be available next week.

The Police Department is meeting tomorrow to discuss a Bicycle Rodeo for Holmes Elementary, Amity Elementary and Deer Park Junior High.

Mr. Rapp asked if the bump outs on Galbraith Road could be painted with a reflective paint. Mr. Berens reported the Service Department just completed that within the last week or so.

Mr. Lehane reported the Fire Department is getting a new chassis for their life squad, as they have had numerous problems with the current one.

Public Works

Keith Chachoff Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Berens reported Mr. Chachoff's memorial in the park is complete. The first two names on the memorial are Hermann Tegenkamp and Bob Schueler. Two names will be added each year.

Mr. Berens reported the Hamilton County Recycling Program has been a huge success. Since the recycling totes were delivered to each residence, recycling is up 62%. The tonnage recycled has increased from 62.37 tons to 100.59 tons.

Schedule:

- City Council Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- Park Board Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- City Council Committee Meeting, Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council