

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
October 7, 2013

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

Legislative and Finance

Financial Report

Mr. Berens reported the September 2013 Income Tax Report are in Council mailboxes for their review.

Upcoming Legislation

Mr. Berens reported Resolution 2013-22 will be on the next agenda for approval. This is done annually and certifies tax levy rates to the county auditor.

Mr. Berens reported Appropriation Ordinance 2013-23 will be on the next agenda for approval. Mr. Applegate noted this is done annually to balance out accounts to reflect more accurate numbers. Mr. Applegate reviewed some of the changes with Council.

Mr. Berens reported Resolution 2013-24 will be on the next agenda for approval. This adopts changes to the natural hazard mitigation plan and makes Deer Park eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Berens reported Ordinance 2013-25 will be on the next agenda to adopt the replacement pages for the codified ordinances. This update is done annually.

Special Assessment Ordinance

Mr. Berens and Mr. Helmes are finishing up the details of the special assessment ordinance for high grass and weeds. This will be presented to council a couple of times annually so that the city can recoup fees for cutting grass on yards that are not properly maintained.

CRA Housing Council

Mr. Berens reported a CRA Housing Council for residential properties needs to be established. Mr. Berens will work on it with Mr. Helmes this week. The 5 member council requires 2 members be appointed by the mayor, 2 by council and 1 by the planning commission.

Safety

Police and Fire Department Monthly Reports

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

The Police Department's first annual Bicycle Rodeo was a great success! The event was funded by the Safe Routes to School grant. Thank you to Deer Park Schools for working with the Police Department to making it such a great event.

Public Works

Sidewalk Repairs

Mr. Berens reported he, Mr. Tassell and Ms. Newsom have been researching grant opportunities for sidewalk repairs. The process is very costly and there is a lot of red tape. All the sidewalks would need to be surveyed, and there are twice as many sidewalks as streets. Mr. Tassell suggested using the Safe Routes to School grant to help pay for some sidewalk repairs, and assess what the grant doesn't cover. Mr. Berens reported sidewalks were not an issue with parents when the SRTS grant process was taking place. Mr. Rapp suggested offering a one time credit to earnings tax payments for residents who have their sidewalks repaired. Mrs. Hedger stated she did not feel any money should be taken away from street repairs.

Handicap Parking

Mrs. Hedger asked if there was a solution for on-street parking for handicap residents that have difficulty parking in their driveways. A discussion followed. Mr. Helmes stated he does not think we can put up private parking signs on public streets. Mrs. Hedger stated she thinks Norwood has some type of parking program and will look into and report back to Council. Mr. Berens added any handicap parking spots must be ADA compliant.

Schedule:

- City Council Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- Park Board Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council