

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
February 11, 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. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Mr. Hall. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013 Council Meeting and the February 4, 2013 Committee Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Legislative and Finance

Mrs. Hedger asked that the January 2013 Income Tax report be tabled until the next meeting.

Energy Aggregation Update

Mr. Berens reported the two public hearings for the electric aggregation are scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 3:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. A resolution approving the agreement will be on the February 25 agenda. We are expecting the gas aggregation approval in March, with implementation at the end of April.

HB 5 Municipal Income Tax Reform

Mr. Berens and Mr. Helmes will begin looking into legislation opposing HB 5 (similar to last year's HB 601) and report back to Council.

2013 Student Government Night

Mrs. Hedger is checking on dates for this year's Student Government Night and will report back to Council the date and location for the meeting. The department heads and various committee representatives will be included again this year.

Safety

Mr. Donnellon presented the January 2013 Police Department Report.

Mr. Lehane presented the January 2013 Fire District Report. Chief Newman will be at the February 25 Council Meeting to address Council about their upcoming tax levy. Mr. Berens added that Mr. Langdon, Superintendent of Deer Park Schools, will also be at the February 25 meeting to address Council.

Public Works

Mr. Berens reported the Service Department will be receiving their last shipment of road salt. There is room to store all the salt in our facilities.

Park Board Report – Mr. Perin reported the Park Board is working on another Whiffle Ball Tournament this July.

New Business – Mr. Tassell reported his power was turned off by a contractor with no prior notice. Mr. Tassell voiced concerns about health and safety and feels a 24 hour notice should be mandated by the City. Mr. Berens stated he would get in touch with Marvin Blade of Duke Energy and look into the situation.

Public Comment – None.

Notable Communications –None.

Law Director – Mr. Helmes presented his annual Law Director report.

Auditor – None.

Safety-Service Director – None.

Mayor's Report – None.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council