

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

Legislative and Finance

Temporary Appropriations

Mr. Applegate presented the temporary appropriation ordinance which will cover the first quarter of 2013. The final appropriation ordinance will be done in April.

2013 Trash and Recycling Rates

Mr. Berens reported the waste collection consortium that Deer Park has joined will provide a cost savings for Deer Park residents over the next three years. Mr. Berens mentioned there is a \$20 fee added for all Deer Park residents to help defray the cost of leaf and brush collection. Mr. Berens asked if Council would consider increasing the fee. Mr. Rapp noted that these services are already being paid for with our income taxes, and did not realize the extra fee even existed. Mr. Berens and Mr. Applegate both stated the extra fee has been in place for as long as they can remember. Mr. Comer suggested Council leave the fee as is for 2013 and discuss it over the next year to see if an increase is in order. Council was in agreement.

Natural Gas Aggregation Public Meetings

Mr. Berens reported two public meetings to inform the public on the natural gas aggregation program have been scheduled for January 14. The first meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. and the second will take place at 6:15 p.m. Both meetings will be held in Council Chambers.

Committee Board Assignments

Mr. Comer stated the Committee Assignments will remain the same until after the 2013 election. Ms. Newsom is serving on the Public Works committee and Mr. Tassell is serving on Legislative and Finance. Mr. Tassell is the OKI representative, Mr. Donnellon is the Park Board representative and Mrs. Hedger is the First Suburbs representative.

- L&F = Mrs. Hedger (chair), Mr. Hall and Mr. Tassell
- Public Works = Mr. Lehane (chair), Mr. Rapp, and Ms. Newsom
- Safety = Mr. Hall (chair), Mr. Lehane, Mr. Donnellon

Building Official Contract

Mr. Berens reported there will be an upcoming resolution for the new contract with Gerry Stoker for Building and Zoning services. The only notable change is the company is now called XPEX. The rates have not increased.

Deer Park City Facebook Page/E-Newsletter

After discussion and research on an e-newsletter, Mr. Berens suggested an official City of Deer Park Facebook page as an alternative. The IT work is already done, there is no need to collect email addresses, and implementation will be quick and easy. Mr. Berens and Ms. Newsom will get together to work out the details.

ICRC Proposal

Mr. Berens reported ICRC has offered to leave our channels up and running for a year or so in case we choose to use their services again. This will save money if we enter into a new agreement with ICRC. Mr. Comer stated he saw no reason to close the channels, as there is no cost or obligation to the city. Council was in agreement.

Safety

Police and Fire Department Monthly Reports

The reports will be available next week.

Civil Service Test Update

Background checks are being done on the two final candidates for the patrolman opening. A recommendation will be made in the next couple of weeks.

Clerk/Dispatcher Civil Service Test

The top 10 list has been established. The background check process will begin once the patrolman process has been completed.

Crisis Response for Deer Park Schools

Mr. Berens reported Chief Schlie has been closely working with Deer Park schools on crisis response in the wake of the tragedy in Newtown, CT. Retired Chief Al Gille is will be assisting in updating the crisis response plans.

Public Works

Winter Operations

Mr. Berens reported the Public Works department has transitioned into snow and ice removal, as leaf collection has ended. Thus far, we have already used more road salt this winter than all of last winter.

Civil War Trail Signs

Mr. Berens reported the signs are in and will be installed by the end of the week.

SRTS Project on Galbraith Road

Mr. Lehane asked if the Galbraith Road project is complete. Mr. Berens stated it is and it is a good system. Mr. Berens reported there is still work to be done on Plainfield. The original sign was too large and mounted incorrectly.

Redmont Avenue

Mr. Comer asked what could be done about Redmont Avenue, as it is the worst street in the City. Mr. Lehane suggested milling down the trouble spots and resurface those areas by hand. Mr. Berens stated we have to be careful. Too much repair will hurt our chances of SCIP funding. Ms. Newsom stated the road repairs are a long term problem, as we have streets in disrepair but not enough funds to repair them. Mr. Comer stated there is a list of all the streets and their condition, prioritized by condition. Mr. Tassell reported that there may be federal grant

possibilities and encouraged Mr. Berens to keep an eye out. Mr. Berens will talk to the engineers to see if anything can be done on Redmont.

Schedule:

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council