

City of Deer Park  
City Council Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building  
December 1, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **November 2014 Income Tax Report**

Mr. Berens announced that we are a little above where we were this time last year. The November 2014 Income Tax Report is in the mailboxes and will be discussed further at the City Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **November NW JEDZ Report**

Mr. Berens announced that the JEDZ Report will be available at the City Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. In November we collected \$52,000. \$47,350 of that went to the Township. \$5250.00 went to the city. As of this date \$220,000 has been collected. Deer Park gets 10% of that.

#### **Resolution 2014-26 NLC Service Line Warranty Program**

Mr. Berens stated that he has been working with the National League of Cities. They offer a Service Line Warranty Program, which is an insurance that covers the repair of utility lines from the street to gas and water meters for property owners if something were to happen. Repairs are costly and they are the responsibility of the property owner so this reasonable insurance may be beneficial to residents if they choose to do this. A representative from NLC will be at the council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. Mr. Berens distributed information about the program and noted that with the age of the older homes in our city we have had our fair share of water main breaks. Other local cities have recently participated in this program. It was decided that voting on this resolution can wait until January if council chooses to discuss it first.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **November 2014 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the November 2014 fire district monthly report is in the mailboxes and the report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lehane stated that the next Fire Board Meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **November 2014 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the November 2014 police department monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Police Officer Selection**

Mr. Berens stated that the police officer selection has been completed. We are waiting for the selected candidate to pass the physical. We hope to have a new officer sworn in at the December 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### **Redmont Avenue Improvement Project Update**

Mr. Berens mentioned that the Redmont Avenue project has fallen behind due to weather. Another update will follow at the December 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Mr. Lehane asked about downspouts in resident's yards going out to the street. Mr. Berens will have more information next week after speaking with the engineers. It was discussed that the Storm Water District prefers rain to stay in yards to prevent flooding issues in creeks. In the past residents have used rain barrels and dug trenches with added stones to create ways to keep rain water from flooding in yards.

### Local Deer Park Recycling Program

Mr. Berens mentioned President Comer's announcement from November 24 of the recycling award that Deer Park was given for most improved recycling. In an effort to keep that going Mr. Berens is talking with several companies and our local community schools to stay green and to possibly help the schools as well. Recycling helps obtain a benefit for the city and more information will be coming soon. We are also looking at having a recycling event where computers, TV's and other electronics can be brought and safely disposed of. The county currently does 1 or 2 of these events however we'd like to find out more about bringing this to a local level.

### Dump Truck

Mr. Tassell asked if the new truck is smaller than the old one and if it was purchased through state specifications. Mr. Berens replied yes to both questions and specifically said that the truck is better suited for our smaller streets, is more economical and it works fine for the city's needs such as the controlling of salt with the programmable salt spreader which saves on salt costs.

### **Other Boards or Committees with a Report**

#### Park Board

Mr. Perin stated that Mr. Preston will have a report at the December 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. There is no Park Board meeting scheduled during the month of December. President Comer suggested that Mr. Preston present a report regarding the recent Tree Lighting and the Santa Saturday event.

### **Schedule**

#### **City Council Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00pm**

Mr. Berens stated that the Draft Agenda for this meeting will be ready and sent later this week.

#### **City Council Meeting, Monday, December 22, 2014 at 7:00pm**

Mr. Berens and President Comer stated that typically the last council meeting in December is cancelled by a motion from council as there is not much business taking place during the week of Christmas. We will decide this at the next council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements**

#### Santa Saturday

This Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, Santa will be riding through Deer Park on the fire truck starting at 11:35 a.m. at Oakwood and Lake. He will make stops throughout the city and end his route at 2:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

#### Holiday Food Collection

Mr. Berens stated that there is a food donation barrel in the lobby of the city building for the Deer Park Communitserve program to help residents for the holidays that are less fortunate. Please donate if you can. They are looking for non-perishables such as canned goods and boxed foods. Also in need are soaps, tissues, toilet paper, etc. Collection will take place until December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Little Cats Day

The Little Cats will be Guests at the December 8<sup>th</sup> city council meeting where Mayor Collins will proclaim it "Little Cats Day"

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council