

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
June 9, 2014

Mrs. Hedger, President of Council Pro Tem, 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. Mr. Lehane motioned to excuse President Comer. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 Council Meeting and the June 2, 2014 Committee Meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Public Works Committee

Service Department Dump Truck

- Mr. Berens introduced Mr. Chris Brinkman and Mr. Ron Schwettman from the Deer Park Service Department who attended tonight's meeting to explain to City Council why a new dump truck is very much needed. Mr. Brinkman said that the oldest truck, a 1994, is nearing 21 years old and is unsafe. It stalls, injectors are bad and are expensive to replace although injector cleaner has been used. Hydraulics have leaks, door pins have been replaced many times and the doors are modified and just about falling off the truck. The steering and water pumps are bad, the floor is almost gone and the rear springs are bad and would be over \$2000.00 to replace. The gas pedal has fallen off. Having just one of our city workers off the road working on a truck is 25% of his workforce not available to do their regular job as normal. The 1994 is currently the brush and leaf pick up vehicle. After a new truck is purchased the 1997 truck will then become the brush and leaf pick up. Changing the salt and leaf boxes takes 2 – 3 hours each time and takes two men (50% of workforce). Sycamore Township helped last winter when the weather was so bad and we had about a 5 hour downtime during a snowstorm. Most cities replace their trucks every 10 – 15 years and we have the 1994, which is 20 years old, the 1997 which is 17 years old and the 2001, our newest truck, which is 13 years old. All three dump trucks require costly maintenance. Mr. Schwettman reported that the 1997 truck's oil pan has rusted through. Snow plow parts cannot be found for this older truck and it has electrical problems. It also has split rims. The 2001 truck has had welding done on plow frame to get rid of rust. The plow frame was retrofitted from the 1994 to fit the 2001. The brakes on the 2001 are shot and rotted apart. The cost of kingpins and brakes were recently quoted at \$2162.70 to fix the 2001. There is a new bed coming for the 2001 truck. Mr. Brinkman did mention that he recommends a stainless steel bed for the new truck to save us money, saving about \$8000.00 or more, 10 years or more down the road and also mentioned that he brought the 1994 truck to the meeting and offered to show it to anyone who would like to help answer any questions.

- Mr. Berens and Mr. Brinkman stated that the tires are not made in the US anymore and they have split rims that no shop will work on, without a cage as most shops do not have, as they can be deadly to change and front and back axles need replacing to install new wheels.
- Both Mr. Tassell and Mr. Hall asked if we can at least get three more years out of the 1997 truck; possibly five. Mr. Brinkman replied that they think they can and will try but cannot promise. Mr. Rapp asked if the new truck comes with a plow. Mr. Brinkman stated that yes it does and a salt spreader is also included to control how much salt is put down and will save the amount used. Mr. Tassell advised that the downtime is not good when residents need our help clearing the roads and agreed that the split rims are deadly and stated that a rotation to purchase new trucks can hopefully be on a five year rotation going forward allowing us to budget for it. Mr. Brinkman agreed that a rotation has to start somewhere. Mrs. Hedger noted that the floor in the 1994 truck is gone and reminded all that the purchasing of a new dump truck has been in the works for a while and stated that we would like to get an answer as soon as possible.
- Mr. Tassell motioned to move forward with the purchase of a new dump truck and upgrades totaling \$72,000. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

MacNicholas Storm Water Repair Project

Mr. Berens announced that he heard back from Institutform and they unfortunately cannot do the work due to the space not being big enough unless we created a manhole big enough for them to get in and do the repairs. We can put concrete into sinkhole and let it form down in and around pipes. Mr. Berens will get in touch with Tele-Vac, some engineers and other contacts to see what else can be done. Mr. Brinkman stated he talked to Tele-Vac and they told him the name of a company that used a bonding agent. The City Service Department put down 5 yards of soil today to help. Mr. Tassell stated that if the issue remains then maybe we should open discussions with The Metropolitan Sewer District. Mr. Berens stated they only help improve, not repair. Mrs. Hedger and Mr. Tassell both agreed that there's not much difference between repairing and improving.

Redmont Avenue Project

Mr. Lehane asked if we have heard from Water Works, since the Redmont Avenue Project bid goes out in July. Mr. Berens stated yes and that they will be replacing the water main before the Redmont Avenue Project begins. Mr. Schwettman asked to make sure that the necessary catch basins would be put in. Mr. Berens advised yes that they will be.

Legislative and Finance Committee

May 2014 Income Tax Report

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the May 2014 Income Tax report. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Income Tax Board of Review

Mayor Collins stated that the decision on who is to be appointed to the Income Tax Board of Review is not yet finalized. This information will be announced at the next City Council meeting on June 23.

Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council

Mayor Collins nominated himself and Auditor, Mr. Applegate for the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council with the approval of City Council. Mr. Lehane motioned to approve this appointment. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-8 to Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2015

Mr. Tassell asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2014-8**. So read. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-9 to Enter an Agreement With Hamilton County Community Development Program

Mr. Tassell asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2014-9**. So read. Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Beautification Awards

Mrs. Hedger reported that the Beautification Awards are now open for residents to nominate their neighbors who make their homes and yards a beautiful place for our city. Additional signs will be purchased to place at the winner's homes for a nominal fee of about \$10.00 each. August 4 is the deadline to submit nominations. Winners will be announced on August 11 at the City Council Meeting.

Safety Committee

May 2014 Police Report

- Mr. Hall reported that there are no real highlights this month other than thefts at Shell Gas Station and United Dairy Farmers. Police have been on top of these thefts. May has been a relatively busy month with warrants served just about every day. Mr. Hall also advised to be on alert for thefts and credit card thefts.
- Lt. Proctor's last day with the Police Department is June 18. Lt. Proctor is currently using some vacation time and is participating in the Ohio Police and Fire Games.

May 2014 Fire Report

- Mr. Lehane presented the May 2014 Fire Board report stating there were 51 Fire runs and 155 EMS runs for a total of runs of 206 in May 2014. For the year 2014 so far there have been 264 fire runs and 766 EMS runs for a total of 1030 runs.
- Mr. Donnellon added that now that school is out for summer to please be careful driving as children will be out more often in the city.
- Mr. Berens noted to please be careful who you open your door to if someone comes to your door asking to have yard work or other home improvements done. Mr. Lehane added to call police if in doubt and they can check out the individuals offering to do the work.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board Report

Mr. Perin reported that the Community Yard Sale is this Saturday, June 14 from 8 am – 2 pm. Spots are \$10.00 and tables are \$5.00 extra.

The first Movie in The Park is scheduled for Saturday June 21 at dusk. The movie showing will be “Frozen”.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –

Ken Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Brookbank stated that split rims are still available as well as the 225 tube tires for the dump truck and that the axles do not have to be replaced in order to change rims/tires. He stated he knows a lot about trucks as he retired from that business. Mr. Brookbank then addressed the City Service Department, seated in the audience, and asked them if they are keeping their books. Mr. Berens stated that all requirements are being met. Mr. Brookbank said it should not take 2 – 3 hours to change the salt and leaf boxes. Mr. Brinkman stated that they do not have the equipment to change it and it takes two men anywhere from 2 – 3 hours to complete. President of Council Pro Tem, Mrs. Hedger, asked if Mr. Brookbank had any more questions. Mr. Brookbank then said to the City Service Department that they are “on crutches” as he returned to his seat. Mr. Brinkman offered to show Mr. Brookbank the 1994 dump truck to help answer any questions and to also get ideas from him.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

New Business - None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Berens gave a reminder that the Sycamore Senior Center is still looking for volunteers to drive for Meals on Wheels. Mr. Brinkman noted that the Sycamore Senior Center recently donated a tent to Deer Park.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Collins mentioned to City Council that Lt. Proctor’s Retirement Party is June 20 at 6 pm in the Community Center. A \$15.00 donation is appreciated to cover the cost of the meal. Mayor Collins asked that Council please stop by to thank Lt. Proctor for his over 25 years of service to the Deer Park Police Department.

Adjournment

Mr. Donnellon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lehane. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Chris Hedger
President of Council, Pro Tem

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council