

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
December 8, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Ms. Newsom and Mr. Tassell. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2014 Council Meeting and the December 1, 2014 Committee Meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Guests

Swearing In Police Officer Gregory Kleeman

Mayor Collins swore in Mr. Gregory Kleeman as Deer Park's newest Police Officer. Mayor Collins congratulated Police Officer Kleeman and welcomed him to the City of Deer Park Police Department.

State Representative Connie Pillich

State Representative Connie Pillich from the 28th district spoke to say goodbye to all after 3 terms in the State Legislature. Ms. Pillich thanked everyone for the opportunity while stating her most fulfilling accomplishments were getting a bonus for Veterans, which the people of Ohio supported, and meeting people and connecting them with services as government can be complicated. Ms. Pillich did advise that House Bill 5, the Municipal Income Tax Collections Bill, did pass and that she was sorry that she couldn't stop it from passing.

Mayor's Proclamation for the Deer Park Lil Cats Football Program

Mrs. Hedger announced that the Lil Cats 6th Grade Football Team are guests at tonight's meeting. They have been together since 2008 when they were in Kindergarten. Their overall record is 54-18-3 and they are 6 time Division Champions. They have been to 5 Super Bowls, 3 of which they have won. Mrs. Hedger stated that the Lil Cats team has done so much for our community as their commitment and victories are a positive influence on our city. Their story has been documented in a video available on YouTube. The trailer for this video was shown. Mrs. Hedger complimented the producers in capturing the excitement and successes of this electric season. The future of this group is one to watch!

Mayor Collins spoke to the team and coaches congratulating them and proclaiming Monday December 8, 2014 as "Lil Cats Day" in the City of Deer Park for their dedication and outstanding achievements! The coaches accepted the proclamation on behalf of the team and thanked City Council stating that it's a true honor that the team has made a positive impact on the City of Deer Park.

Statistics of 2014 6th Grade Lil Cats

Began in 2008 in Kindergarten and played through seven years to 6th grade, 22 football players and 6 cheerleaders, Regional Champs: 2014, Division Champs: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2014, Super Bowl Champs: 2010, 2011, & 2012.

Head Football Coaches: Ron Armor & Mike Corrado, Asst. Coaches: Jerome Baker, Brian Bentley, Dave Wood, David Long, Chris Zenni, & Danny Kuhn, Team Mom: Erin Williams, Head Cheer Coach: Elizabeth Murphy, Asst. Coach: Taschal Hill.

Lil Cats Board Matt Macke - President, Brian Bentley - Vice President, Sarah Gilreath - Player Relations, Katie Parsons - Sponsorship/Fund Raising, Elizabeth Murphy - Cheerleader Coordinator, Marleena Sique - Co-Cheer Coordinator, Erin Groeting - Cheer Rep, Jonie Hinton - Webmaster/Publications, Jeff Hericks - Equipment Manager, Missie Hericks - Treasurer, Jesica Amann - Secretary, Ron Armor SOYFAI - Representative, Tim and Shelley Haas - Spirit Wear, Mat and Tina McGowan and Tammy Wilson - Concessions.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

November 2014 Income Tax Report

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

November 2014 NW JEDZ Report

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the November 2014 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. \$5261.16 was the City of Deer Park's portion.

Safety Committee

November 2014 Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Donnellon brought up an incident from the November police report. On November 2nd at approximately 1:45 p.m. Lt. Farmer responded to the 4100 block of Glenway for a robbery where a 68 year old man was raking leaves at an apartment building when he was approached by the suspect who asked if he could rake leaves for money. When the victim told him no, the suspect lifted his sweatshirt showing the victim a handgun in his waist band and then demanded money from the victim or he would hurt him. The victim grabbed the suspect and after a brief struggle the suspect threw the victim to the ground and fled the area. Based on the victim's description, responding officers were able to confirm who the suspect was and the victim positively identified the suspect from a BMV picture. Charges were signed on the suspect and he was picked up the next day just blocks from where the incident occurred. Chief Schlie interviewed the suspect and secured a full confession. The suspect is currently locked up in the Hamilton County justice center awaiting trial.

Mr. Donnellon reported that the Chevy Tahoe #115 is completely outfitted and is now on display near the flag poles. Car #110 is still marked but used primarily for court, training, details, and criminal investigations.

Mr. Perin welcomed Officer Gregory Kleeman to Deer Park stating that he is a fine young man and will do a great job.

November 2014 Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lehane presented the November 2014 Fire Board report stating there were 57 Fire runs and 128 EMS runs for a total of 185. For the year 2014 so far there have been 580 fire runs and 1680 EMS runs for a total of 2260 runs. The Fire Board Meeting will take place December 9th. Mr. Lehane motioned to reappoint Mr. Frank Maupin as the Deer Park Citizen Representative of the Fire Board. Mrs. Hedger seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Works Committee

Redmont Avenue Improvement Project Update

Mr. Lehane stated that the Redmont Avenue Improvement Project is postponed until spring due to recent weather conditions. All curbs and aprons are done and residents will be able to get in and out of their homes. Mr. Berens stated that some of the drains and pipes are lower than the street which was an existing condition. Contractors and engineers are looking at options/alternative to fix and this will be addressed. The amount of work to be done will take a couple of weeks to smooth it out so that the layer will be plow able for winter.

Dump Truck

Mr. Lehane stated that there was recent confusion and questions among some residents regarding the dump truck and its size in comparison to the old one. Mr. Lehane works with similar trucks of the same size in the same capacity and stated that they are more efficient and we get better use from the smaller trucks. Mr. Perin also reminded all that this new truck also lays the salt more evenly which saves on our salt budget.

Other Boards or Committees with a Report

Park Board

Mr. Perin presented the Park Board report for Mr. Preston. The Christmas Tree Lighting was held the day after Thanksgiving which was a success and very well attended despite the cold weather. The Santa Saturday event was held on December 6 where Santa gave out 200 bags of candy to the kids from the fire truck. The next Park Board event will be the Easter Egg Hunt in the spring. No news yet regarding the Natureworks grant. Mr. Donnellon and Mrs. Hedger thanked the Park Board for their work on the Christmas decorations. Mr. Perin stated it was a team effort.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Mrs. Seitz announced that a letter from Duke Energy was received giving notification, as required, that an application with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for an increase in rates was made.

New Business – Mrs. Hedger motioned to suspend the December 22, 2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye. Motion carried.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Collins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council