

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
September 22, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. 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. Donnellon. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Sean Gavin, 4125 St. Johns Terrace – Commented that, in his opinion, the Ohio Sunshine laws were not properly followed during Council deliberation on the legislation approving pay increases for Mr. Berens and Chief Schlie at the last meeting! Mr. Gavin advised Law Director, Mr. Helmes to “look into” the issue and cautioned that a violation may be filed in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. Mr. Helmes thanked him for sharing his opinion.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

August Auditor and Treasurer’s Reports

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the August Auditor and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Community Development Block Grant

Mrs. Hedger reported that we are in the process of preparing an application for the next round of CDBG funding. There are two public hearings scheduled, 10/6/14 and 10/13/14, both at 6:30pm. Legislation authorizing the CDBG Application will be considered at the 10/13 City Council meeting.

Safety Committee

FOP Notice to Negotiate

Mr. Berens reported that the FOP has filed notice to negotiate for the 2015 – 2017 labor contract. Council indicated that we will contract with Frost, Brown, Todd for legal representation during the negotiation process.

Deer Park High School Homecoming Parade

Mr. Berens reported that the Homecoming Parade is scheduled for October 9 at 6:00pm. The Police Department has been detailed for traffic safety, and to lead the parade. The Deer Park – Silverton Joint Fire District will also participate with various vehicles appearing in the parade.

Public Works Committee

Redmont Ave. Improvement Project

Mr. Tassell reported that the Redmont Improvement project is underway. Construction materials have been delivered to the site and the streets have been marked for the water main installation. The digging should begin very soon.

Report of Special Committees / Boards
Community Improvement Corporation

Mr. Berens reported that the CIC has been working since January 2014 reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan. The updated version will be featured at an open house on October 13th at 6:00pm in which residents are invited to make comments and suggestions for consideration by the Board. The CIC will meet once again on October 16 to finalize a Draft to be presented to City Council on October 27 for adoption.

Park Board Report

Mr. Perin reported that the PumpkinFest is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 beginning at 3:00pm and going until 10:00pm.

Mr. Perin also thanked the Police Department for resolving an ongoing problem with teenagers in the lower end of Chamberlin Park earlier this year. Since the problem was addressed, there have been no repeat issues.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Mr. Berens read a letter from Duke Energy informing Deer Park residents and businesses that Southern Cross will be conducting inspections of their gas metering equipment and exposed gas piping for leakage and corrosion between September 16 and October 1.

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety-Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – None

Adjournment

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Michael J. Berens
Clerk of Council – Pro Tem