

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
January 26, 2015

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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 City Council Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment – Citizens and Guests** – President Comer recognized that the Boy Scouts were visiting tonight while working on a badge.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **December 2014 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approved the December 2014 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports as all is in balance. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **NLC Service Line Warranty Program Update**

Mr. Berens reported that he received an email that the contracts for the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program have been signed since legislation was passed at the January 12 City Council meeting.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **Lt. Daniel Ems, Recruiter for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department to Address City Council at the 2/9/14 Meeting**

Mr. Berens announced that Lt. Daniel Ems will be addressing city council at the February 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Lt. Ems will be announcing how the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is seeking highly motivated and qualified candidates to fill numerous positions.

#### **First Financial Bank Robbery Update**

Mr. Berens reported that thanks to the task force of the Deer Park Police Department, the Cincinnati Police Department and the FBI two of three suspects from the First Financial Bank Robbery were apprehended and placed in jail. They have not gone to trial yet.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### **Potential Road Salt Shortfalls**

Mr. Berens announced that Compass Minerals has temporarily suspended production at their mine due to an unforeseeable incident with the production hoist. They are working to minimize the extent of any delivery delays of salt. We have 75 tons in storage and will be contacting Sycamore Township in case the need to borrow arises. We are required to continue our contract with Compass Minerals to avoid paying more elsewhere.

#### **Blue Ash Rd. Improvement Project**

Mr. Tassell announced that this project is being funded by state and federal funds for the economic development of our business district on Blue Ash Road.

## **Report of Special Committees / Boards**

### **Park Board Report**

Mr. Perin reported for Mr. Preston that the Natureworks grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources amounts were in. Mr. Berens announced that although we applied for \$64,000 the amount of the grant awarded to the city was less. This will allow us to rebuild our tennis courts with some cooperation from Deer Park High School. The use of the high school's or Mrs. Hedger's batting cages is a possibility until the future allows us to build additional batting cages. We also look to possibly write another grant for next year.

Mr. Perin reported that the entertainment lineup for the 2015 Days In The Park Festival is now finalized. Friday night will feature 90 Proof Twang, a country band. We will have Bob Cushing opening with Cincy Rock Legends Prisoner headlining on Saturday night. The last day of the festival will include 8 Days a Week, a Beatles Tribute Band, on Sunday night. The contract with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks is also complete. The fireworks show begins at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday night in Chamberlin Park!

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far** – None

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – None

**New Business** – Mrs. Hedger announced that she is currently working on Student Government night for 2015. This will most likely take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting in February. Plans are in the works to contact the Government teacher at the high school and to possibly organize a dinner for the students with Barresi's to cater to the City Building.

### **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – None

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate reported that a Legislative and Finance Committee meeting will be taking place soon with the members of the L&F Committee.

**Safety Service Director** – Mr. Berens reiterated that the funds paying for various projects are from grants from the state that we would not be able to do without these grants.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Collins announced that the Hamilton County Municipal League meeting will take place in Blue Ash on Thursday January 29.

### **Executive Session – RE: To Discuss Employee Compensation and Benefits**

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Perin motioned to retire to executive session to discuss Employee Compensation and Benefits, to include the seven council members, Mr. Berens, Mrs. Seitz, Mr. Helmes, President Comer, Mayor Collins, Mr. Todd and Mr. Applegate. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m., Mr. Tassell motioned to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mrs. Hedger seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council