

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
February 27, 2017

President Pro Tempore Lehane opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver.

Mr. Tolliver motioned to excuse Mr. Tassell. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Administration of Oath of Office

Mr. Joe Comer was sworn in as President of Council by Mayor John Donnellon.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the February 13 City Council Meeting. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Ms. Joyce Kramer – 4123 Lansdowne Avenue – Ms. Kramer expressed her concern on behalf of Maria Sulcer that an email reply from Chief Schlie was sent declining to let Deer Park Police host another prescription drug take back event as previously organized by Maria Sulcer. Chief Schlie referred anyone needing to dispose of prescription medication to go to nearby cities like Montgomery.

Ms. Carrie Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker stated that she didn't understand why the local NOPE meeting for Deer Park residents was not posted on the board in front of the city building.

Ms. Jessica Walker – 4324 Schenck Avenue – Ms. Walker suggested that the new Safety Service Director be someone who lives locally so that the city may save money on salary and other expenses.

Mr. Ken Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Brookbank announced that he wanted to know why the microphones and speakers were not working as they were a few meetings ago as he thought it was required by and ORC. He was advised by Mr. Helmes that there is no law that states that a microphone or speakers must be present.

Mr. Shawn Gavin -4123 St. John's Terrace – Mr. Gavin expressed his concerns that city council has had turnover lately and inquired on who is running this November. Mr. Gavin asked if the Blue Ash Road Project and St. John's Terrace road repair are both fully funded. He was advised by Mayor Donnellon that they are not. Mr. Gavin asked about the O'Leary Road Project as well. Mr. Gavin asked if there is a new lawyer for the city due to public records requests with an additional lawyer helping us. Mr. Gavin also asked if there is a job search committee to help select a new Safety Service Director and if so who is on that committee. He was advised on the members.

Ms. Morgan Donnellon 4024 Matson Avenue – Ms. Donnellon stated that Mr. Berens is old enough to retire and that he has a granddaughter who fought cancer. She is doing well now however Ms. Donnellon recognizes the importance of Mr. Berens retiring now as life is short and stated that she too fought cancer twice and that it hurts her feelings when some members of the audience call Mr. Berens “Quitter Berens” and calls Mrs. Hedger “Quitter Hedger” as Mrs. Hedger’s mother has Alzheimer’s disease.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

January 2017 Auditor’s & Treasurer’s Reports

Mr. Berens announced that the January 2017 Auditor’s & Treasurer’s reports will be ready at a meeting in March 2017.

Resolution 2017-02, 2017 Appropriation Ordinance, First Reading

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2017-02. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move to the second reading and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Lehane, - yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Newsom clarified with Mr. Applegate that the money in the budget for the street repairs is all going for street repairs.

Safety Committee

Fire Board Update

Mr. Lehane stated that it was announced at the last Fire Board meeting that the new Fire Board President is Don Kincade. A new fire truck will be purchased in a few years.

Block Watch

Mr. Lenihan announced that he attended the last Block Watch meeting on February 21 where the subject was break ins and security systems. The next meeting will be on March 21 and the topic planed is domestic violence.

Public Works Committee

Catch Basin Repairs

Mr. Berens stated that the service department is working on repairs weather permitting.

Park Drainage

Mr. Berens stated that the park drainage repair is on hold due to the application for the Nature Grant.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

World Trade Center Committee

– Mr. Berens announced that the second meeting for the World Trade Center Committee is scheduled. The board members include Tom Camp, a representative from the fire department and police department, a resident, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Donnellon and Business Associate members.

Park Board – Mr. Lehane announced that the service department has been keeping up with the toys at the other end of the park. Coed softball players are needed on Friday nights. All lights from the Christmas display have been taken down. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8. The Car Show will be on September 23. Music in the Park for 2017 is in the works with lots of donations coming in.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –

Jessica Walker – 4324 Schenck Avenue – Ms. Walker stated that a World Trade Center Committee member should not do business with the city.

Carrie Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker inquired on the size of the World Trade Center sculpture.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – President Comer announced that there will be a benefit for the family of John Perin on March 26 at Strikes and Spares Bowling Alley. More details to follow.

Mrs. Brookbank inquired if all fire inspections were complete and had passed inspection at Strikes and Spares.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes clarified that Mayor Donnellon appointed Mr. Joe Beresford as a volunteer to the Park Board and not on the Park Board.

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Donnellon welcomed back President Comer and noted that tonight's meeting had a good turnout.

Adjournment

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rapp. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council