

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
March 13, 2017

President Comer 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. Niebuer, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver.

Mr. Tolliver motioned to excuse Mr. Lehane and Ms. Newsom. Mr. Lenihan seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27 City Council Meeting and the March 6 Committee Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Mr. David Kahle – Autism Awareness Month

Mr. Kahle, whose son has Autism, spoke to council about Autism and the fact that no medical data is known about the cause. Mr. Kahle distributed Autism puzzle pieces to help promote awareness.

Mayor's Proclamation Presented to Mr. David Kahle Proclaiming April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Donnellon presented a proclamation to Mr. Kahle and proclaimed April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Deer Park.

Ms. Chris Hedger – 4128 St. John's Terrace – Ms. Hedger stated that she is concerned as a local business, who wants to remain nameless in fear of retribution, is worried that Deer Park Today is hurting our city businesses as they are giving negative feedback frequently. This business owner would like to move forward in a positive manner. Ms. Hedger is concerned because Deer Park Today keeps posting negative comments along with photos of herself and Ms. Perin.

Mr. Jake Hedger – 4128 St. John's Terrace – Mr. Hedger stated that he would like to give some examples of lies that Deer Park Today stated on their Facebook page. There is no budget deficit according to Mr. Hedger and Deer Park Today states that there is one. Deer Park Today hinders the trust of council and hurts the residents' perception of Deer Park. He noted a video in which Mr. Shawn Gavin was filming in front of Howard School talking about a pond in which one councilmember wanted to put in place of the building. Mr. Hedger made a verbal request to Mr. Shawn Gavin and to Mr. J Janus Jr. to disavow Deer Park Today and their involvement with them. Neither party spoke.

Ms. Carrie Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker announced that the free flow of ideas goes both ways. Everyone is frustrated including council and everyone else. Shutting down the opposition is not a free flow of information. Ms. Baker also stated that we have bad streets and failing schools.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

January and February 2017 Auditor's & Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the January 2017 and February 2017 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

February 2017 Income Tax Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the February 2017 Income Tax Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

February 2017 NW JEDZ Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the February 2017 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2017-02, 2017 Appropriation Ordinance, Second Reading

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2017-02. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move to the third reading and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Lenihan – yes, Mr. Niebuer – yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee

February 2017 Fire District Report

Mr. Lehane stated that for the month of February the Fire Department had 3 calls for fire and 65 for EMS for a total of 68. For the year so far 11 for fire and 128 for EMS. Mr. Lenihan also mentioned that there have been more EMS runs than fire runs due to the heroin epidemic not only here in Hamilton County but all around.

February 2017 Police Department Report

Mr. Niebuer announced that for the month of February the police responded to 191 calls on 1st shift, 194 on 2nd shift and 176 calls on 3rd shift.

Public Works Committee

Road Salt Contract

Mr. Tassell stated that we are in the process of receiving more salt and are moving forward.

ODOT & Ohio Public Safety Active Transportation Grant

Mr. Tassell stated that the Safety Service Director applied for this grant and we are waiting to hear back.

Park Drainage

Mr. Tassell announced that we are working on couple of options of how park drainage might be done.

Pond

Mr. Tolliver announced that he wanted to clear up that he did not suggest that a pond be put in place of Howard School. He was referring to a park drainage issue and mentioned that the two have nothing to do with the other.

Report of Special Committees / Boards – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – President Comer announced that Student Government Night is March 27. Information regarding details will be announced very soon.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – None

Adjournment

Mr. Tassell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Niebuer. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council