

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
May 8, 2017

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes from the April 24 City Council Meeting and the amended May 1 Committee Meeting minutes. Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests**

***Ann Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue*** – Mrs. Brookbank inquired on the following:

1. Is there anything that can be done about the zoning code with Prime Health across from Amity as the school being remodeled will have the clinic closer to the children?
2. Have all elected officials completed Sunshine Law Training?
3. What is going to be done about Strikes & Spares Bowling Alley/Rusty's being empty?
4. What is the start date for St. John's Terrace repairs?
5. Who is on Bike Patrol? How many officers are on this and where do they patrol?
6. Why do we still not have microphones in council chambers when the Sunshine Law states that people must be heard?
7. When will the proposed text amendment for Fit Body Boot Camp be resolved as there is still a parking issue?
8. When will the MacNicholas Road project start?
9. When will the employees take storm water classes?
10. Is 4258 Redmont Avenue sold and when are they going to start on it?
11. Where is the police trailer that used to be across the street?
12. Why is there a councilperson wanting a resolution passed to fix sidewalks when the recent election only had levies pass for schools and streets and our taxes are too high?

Concerns were addressed by both President Comer and Mr. Berens during and after council.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

##### **April 2017 Income Tax Report**

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

#### **Safety Committee**

##### **April 2017 Fire District Report**

Mr. Daily stated that for the month of April there were 60 calls for EMS and 10 calls for fire for a total of 70 calls. For the year so far there have been 233 calls for EMS and 34 calls for fire for a total of 267 calls.

## **April 2017 Police Department Report**

Mr. Lenihan announced that in the month of April there were 34 criminal damaging reports where residents found their parked cars were scratched with a sharp object. On April 9 officers investigated a likely suicide by hanging. The coroner's office responded. On the same day a female was located unresponsive after a suspected Heroin overdose. She was transported to Jewish Hospital after regaining consciousness.

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Sidewalk Program**

Mr. Tassell referred to Mr. Helmes for update on codes for sidewalk. Mr. Helmes checked on the codes of ours as well some surrounding cities. Owners must maintain sidewalks or they can get a misdemeanor but suggested that we should probably give a notice before citing someone.

Ms. Newsom stated that she appreciated Mrs. Brookbank's sentiments regarding the concern of the cost of the sidewalk repairs.

President Comer remarked that a lot of people are not aware that they are eligible for reimbursement and that the bulk of the cost is in the delivery of the cement.

Mr. Berens stated that having the sidewalk's high parts shaved off is a possibility and is less costly.

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far** – None  
**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – None  
**New Business** – None

## **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – None

**Auditor** – None

**Safety Service Director** – None

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Donnellon read a thank you note sent to city council from Ms. Materna and the students at Deer Park Junior/Senior High School for teaching the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class how city council works during their recent tour here.

Mayor Donnellon announced that Music in the Park begins again on May 20 from 8:00 – 11:00 pm featuring The Bluegrass Mafia.

Mayor Donnellon reminded all that the Memorial Day Parade is on Monday May 29. City council members should meet about 9:30 am in Silverton and will hopefully be riding in cars rather than walking as in years past. The ceremony begins at 9:45 am with the parade to commence at 10:00 am going to Chamberlin Park and Bechtold Park for additional ceremonies.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Tolliver motioned to enter into executive session to discuss appointment and compensation of a public employee, and to include Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Donnellon, President Comer and Mr. Helmes. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Daily – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Council entered into Executive session at 7:23pm. Executive session ended at 7:53 pm.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joan E. Perin  
Clerk of Council