

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
September 11, 2017

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 City Council Meeting and the September 5, 2017 Committee Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

*Beth Sheehan 5218 Salem Hills Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45230* – Ms. Sheehan presented information about dog tethering while advising that there is nothing in the Ohio Revised Code about tethering although there are some 30 jurisdictions across Ohio and 20 or so states that have passed laws on it. Ms. Sheehan stressed that there are three main components to these ordinances. 1. No tethering from 10 pm – 6 am which fits nicely with the barking ordinances and keeps dogs inside during the coldest time of the night. 2. Not leaving a dog tied outside when no one is home which could allow another animal to attack the tethered dog or cause the dog to fiercely guard his area harming a child who may wander into his area for example. 3. Weather advisories and temperature limits would restrict an owner from tethering during these times. Dogs can get frost bite and hypothermia just like humans do.

*Joyce Kramer 4123 Lansdowne Avenue* – Ms. Kramer agreed with Ms. Sheehan's presentation and described a time when she helped a dog who was tethered outside too long.

*Carrie Baker 4169 Webster Avenue* – Ms. Baker agreed with the information that Ms. Sheehan spoke of and mentioned that the hot sun can really hurt a dog when they are tethered outside for long periods.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

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

##### **August 2017 Income Tax Report**

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

##### **July 2017 Northwest JEDZ Report**

Ms. Hedger motioned to approve the July 2017 Northwest JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2017-14 A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the Director of Safety-Services to enter into a contract with Rumpke Waste, Inc., for waste collection and recycling services and declaring an emergency**

Ms. Hedger asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2017-14. So read. Ms. Hedger motioned to move to the second reading at the city council meeting on September 25, 2017. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-15 An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Safety-Services to enter into a contract with the Board of County Commissioners for Hamilton County for the provision of fire hydrant maintenance and repair services and declaring an emergency**

Ms. Hedger asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2017-15. So read. Ms. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Hedger motioned to waive the 3 reading rule and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance on Vacant Property Section 1302**

Ms. Hedger stated that a packet of information was given to council in mailboxes regarding the proposed ordinance on vacant properties in the city of Deer Park. Mr. Jetter added that the proposed ordinance, if passed, would allow the city to have more control with vacant properties in the city and to keep them from becoming a nuisance. Mr. Helmes stated that we would have to have an administration or Mr. Gerry Stoker to monitor vacant properties. Mr. Tassell mentioned other municipalities that have similar ordinances. Mr. Jetter will put this on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

**Safety Committee**

**August 2017 Police Department Report**

Mr. Lenihan stated that the police report is not yet ready.

Ms. Hedger thanked the Deer Park Police for enforcing parking issues in the city.

**August 2017 Fire District Report**

Mr. Lenihan stated that for the month of August there were 71 EMS runs and 5 fire runs for a total of 76. For the year so far there have been 506 EMS runs and 79 fire runs for a total of 585.

**Public Works Committee**

**Hamilton County Block Grant application for 2018**

Mr. Tassell referred to Mr. Jetter for an update on the Hamilton County block grant application. Mr. Jetter stated that all of the legwork is being done on the application. Several streets will be targeted for improvement including Clifford Road, St. John's Terrace and O'Leary Avenue.

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

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

**New Business** –

Mr. Applegate stated that the numbers report from the festival will be ready at the next council meeting.

President Comer announced that the next Public Hearings are on September 25, 2017.

6:15 pm Hamilton County Block Grant

6:45 pm Rumpke Waste and Recycling Bid for years 2018-2023.

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes announced that the Duke Energy pipeline project remains at a standstill.

**Auditor** – None

**Safety Service Director** – None

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Donnellon read a letter received from Deer Park High School inviting city council to march in the Homecoming Parade on October 5. Meet at 5:45 pm in St. John's Church parking lot.

Music in the Park returns this Saturday September 16 from 8 pm – 11 pm where the Billy Rock Band will be performing. The next Music in the Park will be on September 30.

The City of Deer Park received the Auditor of State Award for excellent auditor records. Great job to Mr. Applegate for all he does for the city.

The Cars in the Park car show is on September 23, 2017.

The Pumpkin Fest is October 7, 2017.

The High School Athletic Director, Greg Huster, and Mr. J Janus Jr. have both informed us that the first ever Veterans Appreciation Night is scheduled for Friday October 20, 2017 at Deer Park High School's home football game. The ceremonies will begin at 6:30 pm before the game at 7:00 pm. There will be free admission for all veterans and first responders.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Daily motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joan E. Perin  
Clerk of Council