

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
October 24, 2016

President Hedger 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. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the September 26 City Council Meeting and the October 10 City Council Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Mark Hurst, Hurst, Kelly and Co. LLC, CPA's- Mr. Mark Hurst announced that he has been working with Mr. Applegate regarding the results of the audit and to address some of the minor items that were noted. The only real small infraction was the Park Board reporting gross instead of net which is not really misappropriated. The following were noted as compliance comments: 1. The ORC states that the bank deposits must go in the next business day. 2. Two new funds created do not need state auditors approval.

Ken Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue – Mr. Brookbank expressed his concern over the Duke Energy pipeline and stated that he recently attended the pipeline meeting and wants Deer Park to get a meeting together to notify residents what's really going on. Mr. Brookbank stated that Duke Energy said "it's easier to go through people than ODOT" in reference to keeping pipeline off of interstate and to go through neighborhoods instead. Mr. Brookbank also asked for an update on the sound system for city council meetings and was advised that JJ is sound system testing. Mr. Perin said they he, JJ, Jake Preston and Mr. Berens will meet with sound guy to have a sound system soon.

Carrie Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue– Ms. Baker wants someone to make a flyer regarding being against the pipeline and would be willing to pass them out. President Hedger stated that we need to run this by Mr. Helmes as the city cannot really go for or against the pipeline but stated that Ms. Baker can write it and us as a city can state the concern about the pipeline.

Ryan Herring – 4187 Trebor Drive – Mr. Herring expressed his concern of the lack of police patrol at Amity during school drop off. While dropping off his daughter on Linden Avenue he has witnessed cars speeding and not stopping for stop signs and is worried someone will get hurt. Mr. Perin and Mr. Berens both stated that they will make sure that Chief Schlie gets the message regarding the concern. Mr. Herring also voiced his concern on the Duke Energy pipeline.

Jessica Walker – 4324 Schenck Avenue – Ms. Walker asked if we can have the Hamilton County. Sheriff cover our police department to patrol school zones since she feels our police aren't getting the job done. President Hedger stated this has already been looked into a few years ago and is not a cost savings. Ms. Walker also announced that she and Mr. and Mrs. Brookbank make a motion to council to have Mr. Gary Bayes, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Mr. Jay Johnston from the Planning and Zoning Commission removed from these committees for breaking laws and not enforcing codes and feels that they are not fit for the positions and has evidence to show. Mr. Tolliver advised that council cannot appoint nor remove anyone from these committees. That is up to the Mayor and he is not present this evening. President Hedger stated that these complaints need to be reported to Mr. Berens or the Police. Mr. Berens offered to meet with Ms. Walker to go over all of her concerns.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

September 2016 NW JEDZ Reports

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the September 2016 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

September 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the September 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Safety Committee

Block Watch

Mr. Perin announced that the most recent Block Watch meeting met at the fire house with the topics of “Holiday Safety and Crime and Fire Prevention” presented by Lt. McCormick and PO Cornwell. Mr. Lenihan attended the fire board meeting.

School Live Shooter Drills

Mr. Perin announced that on October 17, a live shooter drill was conducted at the high school.

Public Works Committee

ULAP Demolition Project Update

Mr. Tassell and Mr. Berens stated that the contracts are signed and demolition is scheduled to start this week.

Leaf Collection - Mr. Tassell announced that leaf season is underway and ends in mid-December. Please rake leaves to the curb and not all the way to the street as they block the storm water drain. Brush chipping is suspended until Christmas.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board – Mr. Perin announced that the festival made \$16,100 this year. The vendor fair raised \$300.00. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for November 25 at 7 pm. Decorating in the park starts next week with a new toy train that was borrowed for our use. The Pumpkin Fest did better than expected.

World Trade Center Memorial Committee – Mr. Berens stated that the committee is in need of getting a meeting together soon.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – *Ryan Herring 4187 Trebor Drive* – Mr. Herring expressed his concern as to why there are no cameras on Amity School and wonders why there are asbestos tiles in there. Mr. Tolliver stated that we have no jurisdiction on the school and advised Mr. Herring to speak to the school board.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Berens announced that the skip grant is preliminary and may get funded but may not as there’s lots of competition. *Ms. Carrie Baker 4169 Webster Avenue* – Ms. Baker asked which streets get skip grants and was advised that there is a firm that goes around to help decide.

Mayor’s Report – None

Adjournment

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Perin. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council