

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting December 2nd, 2024

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Clerk of Council read the roll. Tom Camp, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon all present. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Downs from the meeting, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Feldhaus made a motion to accept the minutes from November 18th council meeting, Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Mr. Camp abstained from the vote since he was not at last council meeting.

Public Comment: none

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Westmark presented the November Income report, Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept as submitted, Mr. Camp seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the November JEDD report, city earned \$156.73, YTD \$337.38 Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the JEDD report, Ms. Kohorst seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the November JEDZ report, city earned \$8775.99 YTD \$116000, Ms. Westmark Made a motion to accept report, Ms. Kohorst seconded motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the November Finance Report, Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept at Submitted, Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

Mr. Camp presented the October Fire District report, there were 108 calls for service, YTD Deer Park only 1047 calls for service. 21 dispatches on Thanksgiving Day.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs absent, Dr. Jetter presented

Dr. Jetter said the crews are doing leaf collection until December 15th, cars should not be blocking the leaves. Next Year they may have signs made similar to the ones used in Amberley Village during leaf collection

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

The tree lighting went well, about 40-50 people attended, down a little due to the cold. Santa Claus and the Grinch attended, the Grinch was arrested as usual. Brady Hernandez was the person selected to pull the on switch for the tree. Next armchair races will be February 22nd, 2025.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Session: Pending or Imminent Court Action,

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 PM, Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly- yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon –yes. Motion carried

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to resume at 7:43pm Ms. Westmark seconded the motion, roll call vote taken: Roll call vote taken: Mr. Camp - yes, Mr. Feldhaus-yes, Mr. Kelly- yes, Ms. Kohorst- yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon –yes. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheena was presenting as well as Dr. Jetter.

Sheena will be presenting the 2025 budget as well as 2024 Supplemental appropriations at the council meeting December 16th 2025

Dr. Jetter discussed the Police Levy, council needs to make a decision, levy could be lowered to a half mill.

Discussion ensued, school board may be putting levy out next year as well, it would be best to have on May ballot a decision would need to be made in January. Ms., Westmark is concerned Deer Park would move from being in Top 20 tax rate city to being in the Top 10 for highest tax rate in city. More discussion ensued, council will discuss more in January. Concerns arose as we have a Fire levy renewal as well as possible school levy, and our road levy is up for renewal as well.

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor – none

City Manager – Sheena discussed the Flock program for the Police Department, the contract with Flock lasts for 2 years, and if we cannot pay the equipment is taken back. While we have most of the funding for year 1, we need to be aware we need to find the money for year 2.

Mayor - none

Schedule:

December 16th, 2024 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers

December 24 & 25th City Offices closed

December 31st & January 1st 2025 City offices closed

January 6th 2025 Council Meeting 7PM in Council Chambers

January 20th 2025 Council Meeting 7 PM in Council Chambers wed will discuss as this is Martin Luther King Day


Events:

December 9th, 2024 Monday Council meet and greet at the Deer Park Public library 7:00 PM


December 17, 2024, Tuesday Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM Community Center

Ms. Kohorst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council