

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting July 15th, 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, Kathy Downs, Neil Kelly, Chris Westmark, all present. Mr. Feldhaus and Ms. Kohorst were absent. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Kohorst and Mr. Feldhaus Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17th 2024, Council Meeting. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion, Ms. Westmark abstained, motion carried.

Public Comment

Seth Lucas 3954 Hemphill Way he thanked council for having the fireworks conversation, and stated again that pet owners, people with PTSD, senior citizens and Alzheimer patients are impacted by the noise from fireworks. He wants to live in a community that values its citizens. He wants fireworks banned.

Carl Marshall 3827 O'Leary wanted to discuss the parking situation on St. John's Terrace by the park. He saw a pickup truck almost hit a boy while attempting to turn around. People try to park on that street for the baseball games they are attending etc. It causes a huge issue as there isn't enough room to turn around and is concerned that emergency vehicles would not be able to access someone in need. Can the city post no parking signs? Chris Westmark discussed the issue as well since she lives on the street. She stated sometimes up to 50 cars are trying to park on the street. They turn around in residents driveways. Residents on the street are willing to sign a petition to resolve the situation. Mayor Donnellon said the issue would be put on agenda for the next council meeting. Chief Battin said he would look into it.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Ms. Westmark asked clerk to read by title only Resolution 2024-9 A Resolution to Adopt the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025

Ms. Westmark made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-9. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, a voice vote was taken: Mr. Camp- yes, Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Kelly-yes, Ms. Westmark- yes, Mayor Donnellon- yes, motion carried

Ms. Westmark presented the June 2024 Auditor report. Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the June 2024 JEDZ report. Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the June JEDD report. Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the June Income tax report. Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Camp presented the June Police report, there were 929 calls with 31 arrests. Mr. Camp also presented the June Fire District report, there were 70 medic runs and 8 fire runs.

Mr. Camp stated he had spoken with the Fairfield City Fire Chief about their fireworks ordinance. They do not allow sales of fireworks or the use of fireworks in city limits. Enforcement is an issue. In Deer Park 45 calls with fireworks questions were received. Ms. Westmark asked Chief Battin about calls on Fourth of July, he stated the calls came in during the allotted time to shoot off fireworks. During 2023 there were 25 violations with 10 citations, and 14 warnings.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

Plainfield road paving began today, it will be complete by the end of July. Oakwood work will be complete by December 31 2024. Paving will occur on Deer Park, Hegner, and Lafayette. Dearborn, St Johns, and Glenway to Lafayette.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Mayor Donnellon presented the information. Concert from previous Sunday had been cancelled due to rain.

Festival is August 2nd and 3rd. Fireworks Are Saturday 10 pm. The festival is the largest money maker for the park. The next concert in the Park is August 17th String Theory. Volunteers always needed.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to cancel the August 5th council meeting for summer hour's reduction.

Ms. Downs seconded the motion, motion carried.

The August 12th Wentworth meeting is on hold until we hear back from them.

Ms. Downs discussed fireworks and felt they started earlier this year, and that someone was setting them off in the middle of street on Matson. Dr. Jetter stated she should have called the police for that in the future.

Mr. Pacheco had sent to all council members' information modeling an ordinance we could use. He resent to council. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to move the fireworks discussion to the next council meeting when more were in attendance, Ms. Westmark seconded the motion, voice vote taken: Mr., Camp-yes. Ms. Downs-yes, Mr. Kelly-yes, Ms. Westmark-yes, Mayor Donnellon -yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor – none

City Manager

Dr. Jetter stated he is working on many projects, he met with the Ohr Torah School and discussed the cost of replacing the parking lot, and they do not have the funds at this time. Both sides are working on grants to pay for the parking lot.

Janet Kelly our Administrative Assistant will be retiring and her last day is August 30th. She has worked here for 38 years, she will be missed.

Mayor - none

Schedule:

August 19th 2024 6:30 pm Public Hearing Planning & Zone Case and Text amendment changes

August 19th 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM Council Chambers

September 2 2024 Labor Day offices closed

September 16th 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM Council Chambers

Events:

Days in the Park festival Aug 2-3 2024


Tuesday August 20th 2024 Block Watch 7:00 PM Community Center

Yoga in the Park every Saturday at 10:00 am thru the summer

September 28, 2024 Strategic Planning Session 8:30-noon at the Community Center

Ms. Downs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 PM



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council

City of Deer Park City Budget Hearing Municipal Building July 15th, 2024

Mayor Donnellon called meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Clerk of Council read the roll: Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Neil Kelly, Chris Westmark, and Mayor Donnellon present

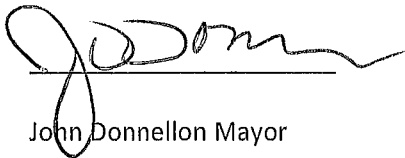
Mr. Feldhaus and Ms. Kohorst absent. Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Mr. Feldhaus and Ms. Kohorst. Ms. Westmark seconded motion. Motion carried.

Sheena presented the tax budget that was presented to Hamilton County so they can collect our taxes.

Minor discussion ensued.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:34 PM



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