

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting June 17th, 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, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, all present. Ms. Westmark absent Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Westmark, Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Downs made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3rd 2024, Council Meeting. Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comment

Emily Culver 4425 Redmont, she stated she is upset that the Welcoming Committee didn't pass and feels it makes council and the city look bad.

Seth Lucas 3954 Hemphill Way discussed the Fireworks vote to enact an ordinance to ban fireworks. He stated he researched fireworks, and the distance between houses to shoot off aerial shells is 150 feet, and he has not seen any houses with that distance between them. He is asking the city to ban 1.4 gram fireworks for personal use. He feels if the city bans the fireworks with police support, it will draw more people to the festival with the professional fireworks.

Sara Lucas 3954 Hemphill Way, she thanked council for listening to her concerns about the fireworks and all the support she has received from city council.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

Dr. Jetter presented the Auditor's Report

Audit report completed it was balanced some checks were outstanding. The fund balance is \$4.3 million.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept the auditor report, Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clerk of Council read Resolution 2024-08 by title only, Gas Aggregation: a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect or otherwise continue a governmental natural gas aggregation program.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to pass resolution 2024-8. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Discussion ensued Dr. Jetter stated he had held off because of the prices, PUCO finally came to terms with the company to help keep prices low for the community. Ms. Kohorst asked how many residents use the aggregation, Dr. Jetter does not know. The Company is Energy Alliance which has been used in the past.

Roll call vote was taken; Mr. Camp- yes; Ms. Downs- yes; Mr. Feldhaus- yes; Mr. Kelly- yes; Ms. Kohorst- yes; Mayor Donnellon-yes. Resolution 2024-8 passed.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Feldhaus presented the May 2024 police report, there were 1110 calls for service and 34 arrests.

Mr. Camp presented the May fire report, there were 120 calls in the city, total calls for the joint fire district were 320. Thru May 2024 the joint fire district has handled 1483 calls.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

The schedule on current road projects: The remaining work from the GCWW will be completed by June 25, 2024.

They will begin paving the remaining side streets in Deer Park beginning 6/28/24; they are scheduled to have the work completed by 7/3/2024.

On 7/8/2024 they will begin the milling and the resurfacing on Plainfield in Silverton. They will begin at the most southern section and head north. Plainfield Rd. will be closed during this phase. Depending on adjustments full depth repairs will take approximately 5 days. They will then proceed north of Montgomery on Plainfield rd. and finishing Plainfield rd. in Silverton. The paving will continue into Deer Park, approximately July 15th, and will take about 15 days. Plainfield road will be closed in sections during this time. The schedule is dependent on continued extreme weather and number of adjustments and extent of full depth repairs. Work on Oakwood begins again on July 1st.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Next Party in the Park is June 22nd. The band Deja Vu will be playing. There will be plenty of food and drinks as well as Kona Ice. The Park Board meeting is this Thursday June 20th at 7p.m.

Festival is first weekend in August, they always need volunteers.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to cancel the July 1st council meeting for summer hour's reduction.

Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mr. Camp made a motion to approve the fire lanes on Colton Ave, Monticello, Quartermain and Frontenac.

Ms. Downs seconded the motion, motion carried. It will be effective in about 45 days so they have time to make the necessary signs.

Discussion ensued around the City passing a resolution to change the city code regarding fireworks. Mr. Pacheco sent a copy of what it looks like to ban commercial and private fireworks. The discussion centered around 1.4 grams private fireworks which are usually aerial shells which are louder and bigger. City council decided it will be discussed again the next council meeting. Mr. Kelly, Ms. Downs and Ms. Kohorst would like a total ban of private fireworks. Mr. Pacheco did remind council that they cannot outlaw sparklers.

Chief Battin was not in attendance and council would like his input. Mr. Kelly asked if Chief Battin could provide fire work complaints the city has received. Dr. Jetter did remind council that the city has to get a permit for the fireworks used at the Days in the Park festival and the permit limits the size that can be used.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.

Solicitor – none

City Manager

Dr. Jetter stated there is a meeting Thursday June 20th at 2:30 pm to discuss the Tax budget in the conference room, the meeting can be accessed virtually as well. We have to hold the meeting so we can inform the county we want the money collected on taxes. There will be a public hearing on the budget Monday July 15th 2024 at 6:30 pm in council chambers. The city did sell the Police Cruiser for \$9500 that money will be used for a new cruiser. The police department did receive the grant for the body cameras and the department has gone thru the training and are using them.

For the Music Pavilion, an access drive will be built from the parking lot to the Pavilion. The work will begin after the festival. IF we have enough money left over from the foundation pours they will purchase stage lighting for the top of the pavilion.

Mayor

Mayor Donnellon wanted to remind all about the Music in the Park. He also wanted to thank the Service Department and Dr. Jetter for the concrete pad built at the Community Center for grilling as well as smoking. The pad was paid for by the 501c foundation friends of Chamberlin Park. July 14th from 4pm-6pm we will have the band Jump and Jive perform.

Schedule:

June 17th, 2024 Council Meeting 7PM

July 15th 2024 Community Improvement Corporation meeting at 12:30 PM

July 15th 2024 Budget Meeting 6:30 PM followed by Council Meeting at 7PM

Events:

June 22nd 2024 Music in the Park 7:00 PM

July 6th 2024, Music in the Park 7:00 PM

July 14th 4pm Music in the Park

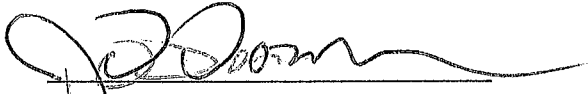
Yoga in the Park every Saturday at 10:00 am thru the summer

July 16th 2024 Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM at the Community Center

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

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 P.M.



John Donnellon Mayor



Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council