

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting May 6, 2024

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

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to approve Tyra Meredith as Clerk Pro Tem. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Voice Vote, all approved.

Clerk of Council, Pro Tem, read the roll call. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark. All present.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kohorst motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024, Council Meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Marcy Rigsby, 6 Wentworth Lane, asked about the completion of Plainfield Road. Dr. Jetter stated the paving date is tentatively set for June 12, 2024, weather permitting. She also asked about the approval of fire lanes. Dr. Jetter answered to the possibility of no fire lanes due to no parking for residents. The Safety Committee will be meeting on this subject.

Jeremiah Easton, 3909 Matson Avenue, wanted to thank the Deer Park / Silverton Joint Fire District, City Council, City Manager, and the Deer Park Police Department for the meet and greet with residents of Colton, Monterey, and Quartermaine streets.

Standing committee reports:

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark:

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk of council to read resolution 2024-05 by title only: An Resolution allowing the City Manager to offer for auction through Hamilton County on-line public auction a 2016 Police cruiser.

Ms. Westmark then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Kohorst – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark presented the April 2024 Income Report. She made a motion to accept the report, Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion. Voice Vote, all approved.

Ms. Westmark presented the April 2024 JEDZ Report. She made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Voice Vote, all approved.

Ms. Westmark presented the April 2024 JEDD Report. She made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Voice Vote, all approved.

Ms. Westmark presented the April Auditor Report 2024. She made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Voice Vote, all approved.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp

Mr. Camp stated that the Fire Department had 105 runs for Deer Park. A total of 409 runs for the year. To date the runs are down 22%.

Mr. Camp stated the fire lane meeting that was held Monday April 29th at 7:30 pm with residents of Colton, Monterey, and Quartermaine streets went very well. Adding fire lanes will be placed on the agenda for the June 3rd Council Meeting for Council Vote. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Westmark wanted to send kudos to the police department for the good policing that she has witnessed from PO Townsend.

Ms. Korhorst wanted to thank LT Jordan for the 10-hour Ride Along and thanked our police department for the great job they are performing.

Mayor Donnellon also wanted to thank PO Townsend for his quick thinking and response to an issue in the park.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs

Ms. Downs stated work on construction on Plainfield would end tomorrow. Discussion ensued. Final paving work is slated for completion by June 24, 2024.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus stated the Party in Park held May 4th, 2024 had good attendance considering all other big events around the area. Next Party in the Park is set for June 1st, 2024. The Days in the Park Festival will be on August 2nd and 3rd, 2024. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly gave a presentation for the council. Discussion ensued. Voting on Committee will be on June 3rd, 2024 Council Meeting.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

Old Business:

Mayor Donnellon motioned to approve Appointment of member Dr. Jetter to the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District Board. Motion carried.

Mayor Donnellon motioned to approve the City Manager Contract Extension to June 30th, 2025 and also approve increase of pay of \$5,000. Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

None

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials:

Solicitor:

Mr. Pacheco congratulated Dr. Jetter on his contract extension.

Mayor Donnellon also thanked Dr. Jetter for his services to the City.

City Manager:

Dr. Jetter announced the retirement of City Administrative Assistant Janet Lichtensteiger-Kelly on August 31st, 2024. Stated the 2nd phase of the Blue Ash Road project will cost \$4 million. The City has \$3 million for this project. Dr. Jetter is going to exhaust all avenues for additional grant funds. If this is not able to be done, a loan may be needed to complete the project. Bid is set for the Music Pavilion this Friday May 10, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Dr. Jetter thanked the Police and Maintenance departments for all their hard work. Parking violations are being made for those who continue to break that law. Possible flashing stop sign at Gail may be installed. The owner of vacant properties has asked for a waiver for his properties. The City Manager is speaking with Gerald Stoker on this matter.

Ms. Westmark requested a copy of the drawings for the music pavilion.

Mayor:

Mayor Donnellon thanked all the City employees for their hard work. He thanked the Service Department for a great job in the Park as well.

Schedule:

May 20, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Feldhaus will be running this meeting

June 3, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

June 17, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

July 1, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

July 15, 2024 CIC meeting at 12:30 PM.

July 15, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Events:

May 21, 2024 Block Watch Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

May 27, 2024 Memorial Parade 10:00 a.m., starting in Silverton

June 1, 2024 Music in the Park at 7:00PM

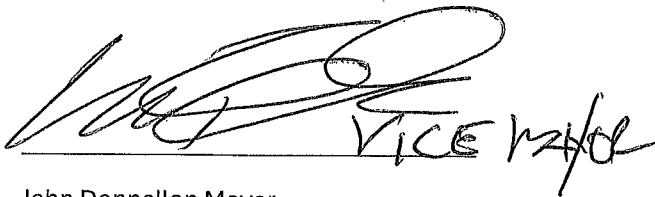
June 18, 2024 Block Watch Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

June 22, 2024 Music in the Park at 7:00 PM

September 28, 2024 Strategic Planning Session 8:30 AM – Noon at the Community Center

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Westmark second the motion: approved; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM



VICE MAYOR

John Donnellon Mayor



Tyra Meredith Clerk of Council, Pro Tem