

**City of Deer Park  
City Council Minutes  
April 17, 2024  
Meeting Location ~ Deer Park City Hall  
316 E. Crawford  
7:00 p.m.**

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Mayor Verzal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Verzal called roll and the following were:

Present:	Councilmember's: Jason Upchurch, Fred Senn, Billy Costello, and Diane Pfaeffle
Absent:	Heather Newsom (Costello, Upchurch)
City Staff:	Brad Wainwright, Dan Pratt, Jake Barlass (Phone), and Clint Drury (Phone)
Airport Manager:	Darold Schultz
Clerk/Treasurer:	Deby Cragun
Audience:	Eight

**2. Invocation**

Councilmember Jason Upchurch gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**IT WAS MOVED BY UPCHURCH, SECONDED BY COSTELLO; MOTION CARRIED (4-0) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**5. Approval of March 20, 2024, regular council meeting minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COSTELLO, SECONDED BY UPCHURCH; MOTION CARRIED (4-0) TO APPROVE THE MARCH 20, 2024, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

**6. Interested Citizens: Oral Communications, Requests, and Comments from Audience on Unrelated Agenda Items.**

No Comments Were Given

**7. New Business**

A. Alexa Allman, Superintendent Deer Park High School ~ Bond Issue

Superintendent Allman stated she is thankful for the City's support with regards to the Bond issue and she shared feedback from the voters to the School District both for and against Bond. She also spoke about the current and future growth of the city and the School District. She passed out a Survey Card titled "For Our Future" to the Mayor and Council. The card has four survey questions, and she is inviting the community to contribute to the visioning and planning process for the Deer Park School District. The community can access the survey from the following address:  
<https://tejoin.com/scroll/110924230>.

B. Core Fiber ~ Jason Mocca ~ Discussion Only

Jason Mocca shared a Power Point presentation detailing Core Fiber Partners their Mission Statement and Vision for Deer Park.

Following discussion,

The council agreed to direct the mayor to contact the City Attorney to draw up a Franchise Agreement between the City of Deer Park and Core Fiber Partners.

**8. Resolutions**

- A. Resolution 2024-004 ~ WSDOT Aviation Division Guaranteeing Grant Match Money Availability.

Mayor Verzal read the heading to Resolution 2024-004.

Darold Schultz reviewed Resolution 2024-004.

**IT WAS MOVED BY UPCHURCH, SECONDED BY COSTELLO, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-004 WSDOT AVIATION DIVISION GUARANTEEING GRANT MATCH MONEY AVAILABILITY.**

Following discussion,

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**9. Ordinances**

There were no Ordinances.

**10. Consent Agenda**

*The items listed below were distributed to Council Members in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.*

**IT WAS MOVED BY COSTELLO, SECONDED BY UPCHURCH; MOTION CARRIED (4-0) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA as follows:**

- A. Approval of Voucher Claim Check Nos. 41898 through 41934 in the amount of \$350,620.02 for the Second Half of March 2024.
- B. Approval of Voucher Claim Check Nos. 41935 through 41965 including EFT Debits in the amount of \$360,031.94 for the First Half of April 2024.
- C. Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 15403 through 15433 including PFML, LTC, 941 Taxes and Health Benefits in the amount of \$153,657.68 for the month of March 2024.

**11. Council Questions, Comments, or Reports**

Mayor Verzal read a letter from Avista regarding the power outages that occurred this week.

Councilmember Upchurch stated Avista has the responsibility as power outages have a real impact on population.

Councilmember Senn stated he still wants to have small farm animals in town.

## 12. Report of Departments

Jake Barlass stated building is going amazingly fast. There have been 157 more building permits issued from last April to this April.

Dan Pratt updated the Mayor and Council on the various projects within the city. He has been busy working on a Splash Pad presentation to present to the City Council.

Clint Drury stated this month the annual Water Quality Reports will go out in the Water Bills.

Darold Schultz stated he has been busy getting the Airports equipment ready for mowing.

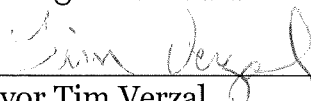
Brad Wainwright and his team have been out mowing the Parks for the first time this year. They have also been busy at the Sports Complex getting it ready for the season. Also, the Clean Green event for spring cleanup is scheduled for May 3 and 4, 2024.

## 13. Executive Session

No Executive Session

## 14. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Verzal adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

  
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Mayor Tim Verzal

  
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Deby Cragun, City Clerk/Treasurer