

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**April 14, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brenda Schmitt

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE:** Mayor Hunter led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

**City Clerk JoAnn Ohlhausen swore in new Aldermen Ken Bell and Jerry Shipman.**

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk called roll. Mayor Shane Hunter, present. Aldermen present were Billie Jo Hardy, Brenda Schmitt, Ken Bell and Jerry Shipman.

Mayor Hunter then gave the floor to Project Attorney Bill McCaffree. Mr. McCaffree started out by asking Shaun McConnaughey from TriState Engineering where he was in terms of costs estimates. Shaun McConnaughey stated that he has the project down to just below a million dollars. Mr. McCaffree gave Council a brief overview of the lagoon issues. He explained that he had been reviewing the City's options for financing, with little positive outcome. The City has no unissued bonds and no bond capability. If we are unable to secure grants for the project the City will be in need of additional funds, with limited ability to borrow funds. He has spoken to many of the members of the review committee and explained the City's position. He requested council's approval to contact Doug Garret, who sits on the review committee and possibly has grant funds to help us. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to have Mr. McCaffree contact Doug Garret. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none. Mr. McCaffree stated that it would be up to Shaun McConnaughey to get the costs estimates in line and get the reports to the review committee as soon as possible. And for JoAnn to get the survey finished as soon as possible to qualify for the grants that may be available. He said he would keep council informed after he speaks with Mr. Garret. Council thanked Mr. McCaffree for his efforts on our behalf.

Mayor Hunter then recognized Officer Cody who asked to address council in regards to comp-time. He stated that when he was hired he was told overtime would be compensated at time and a half. Recent finding indicate that that is not always true for police officers in small towns. JoAnn explained the Federal Rule on Police overtime. Jerry Shipman stated that Cody should be compensated his past overtime at time and a half if that is what he was told. Council looked at figures provided by Dana from Kelly and Compton. Her figures were different than the figures JoAnn has. JoAnn stated that she would get with Dana and get the correct number of hours due worked out. The total hours due was tabled and Jerry Shipman made a Motion to pay Cody time and a half for previous time earned. Ken Bell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none. Next Cody asked to have Mike order him new uniform shirts. Brenda asked if that was one of the line items in the police budget. JoAnn stated it was. Brenda asked if Mike Jones had a copy of his budget. Mike stated no. JoAnn said she would get him a copy. The shirts are to be ordered.

Vicki Wright asked that she be allowed to order the patches Mike requested. Brenda made a Motion to order a box of 100 patches. Ken Bell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Next Mayor Hunter opened the floor to any citizen that wished to address council. Randy Tubbs addressed council with his concerns about the fee set for the Farmers' Market. He stated that he had spoken to a few of the vendors and they would not be attending our market due to the cost. He stated that a feed store in Granby was starting a market and were going to charge one dollar. There was a discussion about what the fee should be and if it should be weekly or monthly or some other figure. The issue was taken under advisement and tabled to be placed on the Agenda for next month. Bill McCaffree stated that in Nevada, the farmers at their market gathered to form a non-profit and only pays the City a small amount to rent the space they use, and they control the market themselves.

Next Mayor Hunter asked council to set the perimeters for the irrigation meters for garden use. After a discussion, council decided to offer the meters for purchase this year at the cost of \$100.00 each to residents. It was also stated that this would be a test and would be revisited if the need arises. Ken Bell made a Motion to sell irrigations meters for use on gardens and lawns for \$100.00. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Next Mayor Hunter asked council to approve payment to Letts & Demery for closing the well in the amount of \$11,386.00. He also asked to approve the request for funds to be reimbursed. Brenda made a Motion to pay Letts & Demery and to approve the request for reimbursement. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Mayor Hunter then addressed City Officers' Reports. Police Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Brenda asked Mike if the patrol car was repaired. Mike stated it was not, but that he had collected estimates from Pro Lube for \$887.00, Reeves Tire for \$865.00 and Nixon's for \$671.00. There was a discussion about parts quality and workmanship. Billie Jo made a Motion to have Reeves fix the car. Ken Bell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Water Superintendent Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. Ken asked about pot hole repair. Gerald Ezell stated that they would be working on it soon. Mayor Hunter stated that we still had plenty of cold patch and would order more if needed.

The Park Board gave a report. Sandy stated that they had not had a meeting yet, but identified the top three needs. The ramp was top priority. Brenda asked what we are waiting on. JoAnn stated that we need to seek bids due to the amount. Brenda asked about the group that was working on the bridge. Vicki stated that they got mad and did not come back. JoAnn stated that Vicki could place the ad for bids. Next the parking barriers need to be installed and the swing set. Jesse and Gerald would be installing those as soon as they find an auger to drill the holes. Sandy asked Mayor Hunter when he is available for meeting he said any evening. Billie Jo made a Motion to seek bids for the ramp. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Vicki asked for approval of expenses and hotel associated with her going to MACA conference. Billie Jo made a Motion to approve expenses and hotel. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none. Brenda asked about the water loss from the pipeline project. Vicki stated that the pipeline had paid for the water they used, but that we are not sure we accounted for all they used. She explained that they were not counting the loads they got from us. But she and Jesse thought they figured it pretty close.

Next Wastewater Superintendent Gerald Ezell submitted a written report. No questions were asked of Gerald or Duane Linch.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. Ken Bell asked about the transportation meeting. JoAnn explained that our need had been moved up the priority list for Newton County needs. She stated that she would attend the regional meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to try to keep us up high on the list.

Mayor Hunter then asked for report from council. Billie Jo Hardy mentioned a mowing issue and was told Jesse had already been made aware of it and would take care of it.

Ken stated he was concerned with getting town cleaned up this year. Mike stated that he would be issuing citations and working on that.

Brenda Schmitt had nothing at this time.

With retirement of Lisa Mitchell from council, the position of Treasurer is vacant. It was decided that Brenda Schmitt would be the new Treasurer. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to remove Lisa from the bank account signers and add Brenda Schmitt. Ken seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Jerry Shipman had nothing at this time.

Mayor Hunter had nothing at this time.

Next Mayor Hunter asked for approval to pay the listed and unlisted bills. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to pay bills listed and unlisted. Brenda Schmitt seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

**Adjourn:** All business having been presented and addressed, Jerry Shipman made a Motion to Adjourn. Brenda Schmitt. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Meeting adjourned at 9.33 p.m.

**Note:** *This document is a draft. It will not become an official record of proceedings until approved by the Board of Aldermen and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.*

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Shane Hunter. Mayor

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JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk