

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**August 11, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Billie Jo Hardy

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

**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 sought approval of the Minutes of July 8, 18 and July 28, 2014. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Brenda Schmitt seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter opened the floor to citizens wishing to address council. No citizens asked to speak and the Mayor recognized Debbie Walker of Redico Industries. Ms. Walker showed Council her companies' line of high visibility work wear. Council asked questions and reviewed her products. Mayor Hunter stated he would talk to city employees as to the needs of the city. Ms. Walker was thanked for her time.

Council next reviewed the 2014 Tax Levy. Bill Number 08042014, which would on approval create Ordinance Number 410, An Ordinance of the City of Diamond Missouri Providing for the Levy of City Taxes and Establishing the Rate of Taxation for the City of Diamond Missouri for the year of 2014. Having been previously posted, the Bill was read by title only. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to accept Bill number 08042014 to create Ordinance Number 410. 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.

Next City Clerk asked for approval to change the City's cell phone plan to save on the monthly payment. Jerry Shipman made a Motion to allow the plan changes. Brenda Schmitt seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Gerald Ezell sought approval to have electrical work done on the generator. He provided Council with an estimate for work to be done. Brenda made a Motion to allow Gerald to have the Ronk transfer switch installed at a cost of \$1,503.60 plus labor. Billie Jo seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Council then considered seeking bids for road work. Council instructed JoAnn to seek bids for asphalt work on Maple from Market to Ellison and from Ellison to Cherry, and on Maple to make a repair at Washington and Maple and then to do asphalt on Bonnie Lane to Maple. She will seek bids.

Next Council reviewed Bill Number 08072014 to create Ordinance 411, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 379 Water Use Charge Rates. The Ordinance included section 3 for bulk water sales. Billie JO Hardy made a Motion to approve Bill Number 08072014 to Create Ordinance 411. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Next Council reviewed Bill Number 08082014 to create Ordinance 412, An Ordinance Approving the Creation of a Litigation Reserve Fund. JoAnn asked to open a separate bank account for this, as it is a restricted account. Billie Jo Made a Motion to approve Bill Number 08082014 to Create Ordinance 412 and to open a bank account for this fund. Jerry Shipman seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Council then addressed budget issues. It was mutually decided to dissolve the Consultant agreement with Duane Linch. Mr. Linch has been an asset to the City of Diamond and will continue to lend assistance when asked. Mr. Linch has other commitments to attend and the City thanks him for his assistance. Billie Jo Made a Motion to close the agreement effective August 31, 2014.

Mayor Hunter then addressed City Officers' Reports. Police Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Brenda asked about the damage and medical claim of the driver involved in the accident with Wayne. JoAnn stated that she had heard nothing else about it from the Insurance Company. Brenda asked if we had the report yet. Mike said it should be ready. JoAnn said she would order it. Brenda asked if Wayne received corrective counseling for the accident. Mike stated no. Brenda thought he should receive counseling for having a wreck. Mike stated he did not counsel a different officer that hit a deer. Mike stated he followed all protocol and it was an accident. Mayor Hunter stated that car 701 is having work done to the computer.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Ms. Wright was not present. It was noted that she had made a mistake in in-putting the new sewer rate into the system. Mayor Hunter was asked if he had spoken to her about this and he replied no, he had not had a chance as he just found out about it when they did.

Water Superintendant Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. Jesse was asked how much the air compressor would cost. He said he just needs a small one. Council told him to check prices and obtain the cheapest one he could find. He was asked why he was weed-eating, he said he does the hydrants and well houses.

Wastewater Superintendant Gerald Ezell submitted a written report. Mayor stated that the Cullum Court project was complete and everyone over there is excited to see how well it works.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. Billie Jo asked about the loan closing and JoAnn told her was set for the next day, August 12, 2014. It looks like we are all set.

Treasurer Brenda Schmitt stated that financials had been reviewed and appear to be in order.

Mayor Hunter then asked for report from council. Brenda Schmitt asked about high grass and if Mike was still issuing citations. Mike said he was.

Billie Jo Hardy asked about a property on North Jefferson that was said to have pigs and chickens. It is thought that the property may be out of the city limits. Mike said he would check.

Ken Bell stated he felt as the City should allow Cody Harris to draw unemployment. A discussion took place. It was felt that in the normal course of unemployment he would be allowed to draw it after a penalty period had passed. He also asked about the resident behind him who has an in-ground pool with no fence and stagnant water. Mike Jones said he would look at the City Code to see what he could do about it.

Jerry Shipman had nothing at this time.

Brenda Schmitt 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. Jerry Shipman 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, Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to Adjourn. Jerry Shipman seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none

Meeting adjourned at 8.40 p.m.

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

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Shane Hunter. Mayor

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JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk