

MINUTES
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
March 18, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Nancy Lewis

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, Nancy Lewis and Lisa Mitchell. Brian Navarro was not present.

Also in attendance: JoAnn Ohlhausen, Vicki Wright, Jesse Gibson, Jason Writer, Mike Jones, and Kylie Patterson and Brenda Schmitt.

The Minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting were put before the board for approval and reading of the minutes was waived. Nancy Lewis made a Motion to accept the Minutes of February 11, 2013. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in favor, Nancy Lewis, Lisa Mitchell and Billie Jo Hardy. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter opened the floor to any citizen wishing to address the Board of Aldermen and none stepped forward.

Eagle Scout Rob Judd was not in attendance to talk about building a structure at the park. Mayor Hunter asked Kylie Patterson of the Park Board if she had any information about the subject. Kylie said they had met with Rob and looked over his plans, and found them to not meet the requests of the board. He was going to draw up new plans and meet with the board again.

Mayor Hunter directed council's attention to new bills being introduced. Having been previously posted, the bills were read by title only. First Mayor Hunter introduced bill number 02192013. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 379, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 372 Water Use Charge Rates. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to adopt bill number 02192013 and create Ordinance number 379. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Next Mayor Hunter introduced bill number 02192013A. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 380, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 352 Water Use Charge Rates. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to adopt bill number 02192013A and create Ordinance number 380. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter then introduced bill number 02192013B. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 381, An Ordinance Amending Section 715.040 Subsection C Sewer Use Rates. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to adopt bill number 02192013B and create Ordinance number 381. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter introduced bill number 02202013. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 382, An Ordinance Amending Section 715.030 Subsection B Sewer Use Charge Accounts. Nancy Lewis made a Motion to adopt bill number 02202013 and create Ordinance number 382. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

First Mayor Hunter introduced bill number 02252013. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 383, An Ordinance Amending Schedule III, Parking Restrictions. Nancy Lewis asked JoAnn Ohlhausen if we had spoken to the Missouri Highway Department about the cost of posting signs, will they do it or do we have to pay for it. JoAnn stated that she would contact them in the next few days. Lisa Mitchell then made a Motion to adopt bill number 02252013 and create Ordinance number 383. Nancy Lewis seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter introduced bill number 02272013. He asked that the bill be adopted and create Ordinance number 384, An Ordinance Amending Section 700.080 Application For Water and Sewer Service. Nancy Lewis brought a discussion about each residence being required to have its own meter. She stated she thought there were two houses on the same meter. Duane Linch explained that they shared a common supply line but each residence had its own meter. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to adopt bill number 02272013 and create Ordinance number 384. Nancy Lewis seconded the Motion. All in favor Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter then asked the council to consider Resolution 092012. He stated legal council had been consulted and found that the ballot language did not obligate the City to place 1/8 cent into a park and recreation fund. Resolution 092012 directed Kelly and Compton to place the 1/8 cent into the park and recreation fund. After a brief discussion, Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to let Resolution 092012 stand as is. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor, Billie Jo Hardy, Nancy Lewis and Lisa Mitchell. All opposed, none.

Council reviewed Bob Taylors Agreement for work on the evidence room. JoAnn Ohlhausen stated that the work had been completed. No further action was needed.

Next Council reviewed and discussed the payment of \$25,524.91 to the Missouri State Auditor. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to pay the invoice amount of \$25,524.91. Nancy Lewis seconded the Motion. All in favor, Nancy Lewis, Billie Jo Hardy and Lisa Mitchell. All opposed, none.

Next, Vicki Wright addressed council about snow days, or days that the Mayor, for safety or other reasons, closes City departments. She stated that since it was not the employees fault work was canceled, she did not feel it was fair for the employee to have to use personal time to cover that day. After some discussion, Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to Amend the Employee Manuel to reflect that from this day forward, when a City Official closes departments due to weather or any other reason, the employees shall be paid for that day. But if the employee just can't make it in, they shall use personal time if they wish to be compensated for the day. Nancy Lewis seconded the Motion. All in favor, Nancy Lewis, Billie Jo Hardy, and Lisa Mitchell. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter then addressed Council about bids collected for the purchase of a new lawn mower. He again stated that the City had paid over \$13,000.00 for lawn mowing service from May 2012 to December 2012. He presented the best low bid is \$6,000.00 for a 2004 Grasshopper 722D2, 700 series diesel mower. JoAnn Ohlhausen read the other bids out, \$10,500.00, \$13,750.00, \$8,800.00, \$9,200.00, \$8,600.00, \$9,000.00, \$10,454.00, \$11,829.00, \$13,895.00, \$7,995.00, \$6,499.00, \$9,999.00, \$4,200.00 for gas powered mid cut, \$4,750.00 sold before council. Mayor Hunter asked that the funds come from the street department since we would be using it to clear right of ways among other areas. Nancy Lewis made a Motion to Purchase the 2004 Grasshopper 722D2 700 series mower for \$6,000.00 delivered. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in favor, Lisa Mitchell, Billie Jo Hardy and Nancy Lewis. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter then looked to reports of City officers. Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Mike was not present.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Vickie stated she had reports on dangerous building letters that were sent out. All properties had began improvements. There were no further questions.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen stated she did not have a written report. She was in Columbia for training and learned a lot. She stated she would like to have a seminar for City Officials after the election. She learned of a retired MML Official who does informative seminars for New Officials. It would be a three hour seminar and the cost would be based on his expense only. He does not charge a speaking fee. Council voiced interest and JoAnn said she check into scheduling it.

Kylie Patterson presented a quote to have a bridge built at the park. The bid from D & S Erectors, LLC for \$4,755.00 plus 20 yards of concrete at a cost of \$2,200.00 made a total of \$6,955.00. JoAnn stated that due to the price, it would be necessary to publish a request for bids for the project. A discussion followed. JoAnn stated that she would get with Vicki and help her work up the ad.

Water Superintendent Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. DNR did their inspection of the water system and found no major problems. There were no further questions.

Wastewater Superintendent Charlie Writer submitted a written report. Mayor Hunter reported to council that DNR had received a report that we were discharging at the lagoon. DNR found no evidence of discharge. Mayor Hunter stated that he was waiting on a copy of the report.

Treasurer Lisa Mitchell stated she had reviewed the monthly financials and all seemed to be in order.

Mayor Hunter then asked for report from council. Billie Jo Hardy had nothing to report at this time. Nancy Lewis had nothing at this time. Lisa Mitchell stated that she had had a complaint about the new water rates from an elderly resident on a fixed income. Mayor Hunter advised he had been in contact with a representative from Sonic out of Texas. He will be coming to town within the next couple of weeks to look at the location for a Sonic to come to Diamond. Mayor Hunter also stated that he has been looking into a retirement plan for city workers. He is still looking at different plans and will present his findings.

Mayor Hunter took a moment to announce that this would be Nancy Lewis' last council meeting. Nancy did not seek re-election and planned to retire. Mayor Hunter thanked her for her years as a councilman.

Next Mayor Hunter asked for approval to pay the listed and unlisted bills including a bill from Newton County for \$345.31 for election costs. Nancy Lewis made a Motion to pay bills listed and unlisted, including the \$345.31 for Newton County. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in favor, Lisa Mitchell, Nancy Lewis and Billie Jo Hardy. All opposed, none.

Adjourn: All business having been presented and addressed, Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to Adjourn. Nancy Lewis seconded. All in favor, Lisa Mitchell, Nancy Lewis and Billie Jo Hardy. All opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Minutes approved _____, 2013

JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk

Shane Hunter, Mayor