

MINUTES
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
March 5, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Lisa Mitchell

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

ROLL CALL: Billie Jo Hardy called roll. Mayor Shane Hunter, present. Aldermen present were Billie Jo Hardy, Lisa Mitchell and Brenda Schmitt.

Mayor Hunter asked that the February 10, 2014 and February 28, 2014 Minutes be approved. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to Approve the Minutes. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Billie Jo Hardy asked Mike Jones to introduce the Police Officers and he complied. Brenda asked what shifts they worked and was told each officers shift. Billie Jo then addressed all employees to explain the changes in the Employee Manual. She explained that that council wants to resolve any communication problems between departments. Mayor Hunter asked that all employees return the signature sheet from the manual by Friday March 14. A discussion about the manual stating lunch hours were generally considered to be one hour was brought up. Most employees take a half hour for lunch. Gerald Ezell asked what was considered late for your shift. Council stated anything over a few minutes, and instructed them to text Shane if they were running late or unable to work. Billie Jo Hardy stated that council is trying to eliminate over-time. Police Chief Mike Jones asked about his hours. Council advised him that he needed to work out some schedule to allow him to work less hours.

Mayor Hunter asked to break away from the employee issues to allow the Public Hearing on the Lagoon Project to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hunter welcomed the three residents that came to the meeting. Mayor Hunter explained the reason for the project and that funds were being sought from a Community Development Block Grant. The Mayor was asked the total expected cost of the project. Mayor Hunter deferred to JoAnn, who stated the anticipated cost would be \$366,500.00. JoAnn stated that a CDBG grant is considered as gap funding for projects that are short on funds. So we are asking CDBG to fund \$300,000.00 and the City has committed to \$66,500.00. Mayor Hunter was asked where the money would come from. Mayor Hunter stated that it would come partly from the general fund and from revenue available from the recent rate increase. Mayor Hunter explained the steps that would be taken to accomplish the re-lining of the lagoon and that the project would take roughly 3 weeks. There were no further questions from the public and Mayor Hunter concluded the Public Hearing by thanking all citizens for attending.

At 7:25, Next Mayor Hunter sought a vote to go into closed session under RSMo 610.021.3. Lisa Mitchell made a Motion to go into closed session under RSMo 610.021.3. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Council returned to open session at 10:10.

Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to pay Robert Smith \$96.59 as payment for the raise that he intended to get at the beginning of the fiscal year, and to raise his rate of pay to \$10.25 per hour. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Adjourn: All business having been presented and addressed, Lisa Mitchell made a Motion to Adjourn. Billie Jo Hardy seconded. All in favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Meeting adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

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Minutes approved _____, 2014

Shane Hunter, Mayor

JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk