

MINUTES
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
May 15, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:10 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 then gave the floor to Project Attorney Bill McCaffree. Mr. McCaffree started out by asking Shaun McConnaughey from TriState Engineering to update Council on the latest correspondence from DNR. Shaun stood and informed Council that our Construction Permit was denied. He went on to explain that the geohydrologic evaluation indicated that cell #2 was built on a sink hole and given a severe lagoon collapse potential rating. Therefore, DNR will not approve our permit. Council asked why they just now decided this, since the lagoon was just built in the late 80s. Shaun could only assume no study was done. He went on to say that he has not been able to find the sink hole on any maps or mining maps. He is hoping that their measurements were off and the sink hole is actually a mile away. Having just received the letter, Shaun had not had time to investigate the information. He stated he would be making calls and looking all options. Mr. McCaffree stated that the letter indicated the willingness of DNR to sit down with us and discuss the implications of this finding. He also stated that we should take advantage of the engineering grant available. With this new information, Mr. McCaffree stated there was no need to talk about funding until we find out what DNR will expect us to do. He stated that we should move forward with the CDBG process to obtain that funding. He asked that Council allow Shaun to schedule a meeting with DNR to see what their expectations would be. Council agreed to allow Shaun to meet and discuss the issue with DNR. Mr. McCaffree also talked about the need for a bond issue to be past. This will be revisited. Mr. McCaffree stated that a small town he knows of was selling a small package plant. It was found that the plant would not meet our demand. It will be reviewed to see if a package plant might suit our needs.

Mayor Hunter asked Council to review bids for a Grant Administer. Brenda stated she would like to have JoAnn act as Grant Administer and save the City money. JoAnn stated that she could do that, but when we are looking at multiple funding sources and the fact she is new to the process and will not get thing finished as fast as a seasoned veteran. JoAnn explained that she had almost completed the environmental stuff, but when cell 2 started leaking, that pushed us back to the beginning. And in seeking emergency funds things need to move quickly without error. Jerry stated that he thought we should hire Sue Bacorn as the lowest and best choice for the project. He felt that if JoAnn was not comfortable in doing this one on her own we should hire Sue. Therefore, Jerry Shipman made a Motion to hire Sue Bacorn. BJ Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Jerry Shipman, Billie Jo Hardy, all opposed, Ken Bell and Brenda Schmitt. With a tied vote Mayor Hunter cast a vote to hire Sue Bacorn. Sue will be notified that she was chosen as grant administrator.

Next Taylor and Green, PC's contract for the yearly audit was reviewed. It was found to be lower than this years audit and Brenda made a Motion to accept the one year commitment at \$12,000.00 for the 2014 audit. 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 Council reviewed bids for the construction of a ramp at the park. There were two bids one from Burrus Construction at \$3850.00 and one from Bob Honey at \$7600.00. Mike Jones asked if the ramp could be made of wood instead of concrete. Concrete was thought to be a better material for a longer life without maintenance. Brenda made a Motion to accept the bid from Burrus Construction. 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 asked Council to approve his hiring of Charlie Writer as a part-time temporary Park Attendant. This would be for no more than 15 hours per week and would allow Gerald and Jesse to get caught up after Gerald being gone to class for the past 6 weeks. Brenda asked about wages and Shane stated that his wages would come from the Park Fund.

Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to hire Charlie Writer part-time as Park Attendant. 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 asked council to approve Cody's comp-time as 49 hours from 2011 to March 2014. Brenda asked Cody if he is satisfied with this. Cody was, and so Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to approve the time. 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 Council was asked to approve on-line access for Kelly & Compton to be able to print our bank statements. It was explained that the bank has changed their mailing policies. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to approve on-line access for Kelly & Compton. 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.

Bill McCaffree re-entered the meeting chamber and asked to address council again. He felt it would be a time saving measure if council approved the Mayor and City Clerk to sign grant application for the engineer if needed. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign grant applications. Brenda Schmitt seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none. Mr. McCafree was again thanked and he exited the meeting.

Council was then asked to consider the fees for the Farmers' Market. It was thought it would be easier to waive the fees and plan less events for the summer, as the City is not equipped to provide an attendant for the market. Gedald Ezell was asked if the City could still use the vacant lot owned by the Fire District. He said yes the City was welcome to use it. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to Waive the fees. Ken Bell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none.

Council then was asked to consider Bill number 05122014 to create Ordinance 402 and Ordinance Amending Section 600.040 Schedule of License Fees. Having been previously published the Bill was read by title only. JoAnn explained the fees and Ken Bell made a Motion to approve Bill number 05122014 to create Ordinance 402. Brenda 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. Ken asked Mike about the Notices he has been leaving on doors. Mike stated that he has had good results from the Notices. He stated that people have been cleaning up their yards and mowing. Brenda asked Mike people can do community service in lieu of fines. Mike stated that in certain cases they can. A question of liability was raised and Mike stated that falls under a different type of liability and the City would not be held responsible. Mike stated that car 702 had broken a radiator hose. It was decided that the car be taken to Wallace for the repair.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Vicki asked for approval to acquire a gas card for city vehicles. Gerald stated it is the same plan that the Fire District uses and that he gets a report per vehicle each month. Brenda made a Motion to have Vicki sign the City up for this gas card account. Ken Bell seconded the Motion. 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.

Water Superintendant Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. There were no questions.

Wastewater Superintendant Gerald Ezell submitted a written report. There were no questions.

The Park Board gave a written report. Mayor Hunter stated the board would be meeting the week before council meets.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. There were no questions.

Mayor Hunter then asked for report from council. Brenda Schmitt asked about the late payment bills. Vicki stated that there had been some payments since she printed that report, but it was a big month for late payments. Brenda asked

Vicki to put something in the news letter about the yard contest. Brenda asked JoAnn how much the attorney was charging to help us with funding. JoAnn stated she was unsure at this point, but knew it would also be coming out of the grant funds. Brenda asked JoAnn about her duties as Treasurer. JoAnn told her she would get the account reconciliations to her to review.

Billie Jo Hardy had nothing at this time.

Ken Bell had nothing at this time.

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. Jerry Shipman 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. 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

Meeting adjourned at 9.35 p.m.

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Minutes approved _____, 2014

Shane Hunter. Mayor

JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk