

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**October 13, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brenda Schmitt

**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 September 15, 2014 and September 30, 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. Diamond School Superintendent Mike Mabe asked to address Council. He presented plan for construction at the school. He advised that they had received final approval from FEMA and they plan to break ground in about a month. He asked Council to consider possibly blocking South Main Street in front of the school for bus traffic only during the construction. Council is very open to working with the school on the issue and asked that he leave the plans for Council to try to come up with a traffic plan. Mr. Mabe also left a large drawing of the new school addition to be displayed at City Hall.

Next Council considered Water Superintendent Jesse Gibson's proposal to give a break on meter installation for new businesses as an incentive to come to Diamond. Council had a discussion of how this would work and how to track the money. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to charge the owner of a new construction business establishment, one half of the installation cost of a new meter set, with that amount being refunded to the originating owner at the two year anniversary, provided the business is in good standing, and has been in continuous operation since the date of install. Should the business close or fall into delinquency with the City of Diamond, the funds will be forfeited to the City of Diamond to cover delinquent amounts and installation cost. The amount paid by the business originator, will be deposited, into the City Service fund and held until such time as it is refunded or forfeited. If/when the new business meets its two year anniversary the full cost of meter installation will have been paid by the City of Diamond, as incentive to promote new business in Diamond. Brenda Schmitt seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, none. JoAnn will provide a new Ordinance for Council approval at the November meeting.

Mayor Hunter then addressed City Officers' Reports. Police Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Brenda asked about the drunken in public event and Mike explained. Mayor Hunter asked about the Federal Warrant arrest. Mike stated that the confiscated substance is being tested and he may have to travel to Jefferson City at some point to pick it up.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Vicki was asked about the long list of past due accounts. Vicki stated that a large portion had paid since the report was compiled.

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

Wastewater Superintendent Gerald Ezell submitted a written report. Gerald addressed Council to present a gift card in the amount of \$500.00 to put toward the walking trail at the park. He explained that he had submitted a grant application to the Copenhagen Tobacco Company on behalf of the City Park and had been awarded the gift card. Council greatly thanked him for the contribution. No additional questions were asked.

Mayor Hunter then sought a Motion to go into closed session under RSMo 610.021.3. Billie Jo Hardy Made a Motion to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. 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 returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

JoAnn stated that tires on the water truck are getting very bad. It is the truck that we use as a snow plow and asked to start looking at tires. Ken Bell said he thought he knew of some cheap tires. Jesse gave him the size and he said he would check into it. Mayor Hunter then excused all City employees to leave as they wished.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. Brenda asked if anyone was using the recycle bin. JoAnn told her she had seen people using it. Next she was asked about the payments due on the loan. JoAnn stated that we will not have collected enough money to cover the first payment, but the collection of funds should level off and be fine for the second payment due in July, 2015. She stated that this account needs to be watched closely to insure the funds remain for this payment. Next she told Council that she had met with Lorie Downing from Beimdiek Insurance about our health plan. Lorie suggested that we continue with our non-compliant plan as long as we can. That appears to be through October 2016. There are no repercussions for keeping this plan. The new compliant policy would almost double our liability. JoAnn told Council she would put this on the November Agenda for approval.

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 had nothing at this time.

Billie Jo Hardy had nothing at this time.

Ken Bell had nothing at this time.

Jerry Shipman stated he had heard of someone had removed a water shut off notice from a residence. After a period of silence, JoAnn stated that Mrs. Bell had removed a notice and brought it over to City Hall and asked Jesse why he had put it on that houses' door. It was not her residence. JoAnn also stated that Mrs. Bell had opened a valve at the old E.J.'s convenient store and drained the retention area onto the parking lot. When Jesse and Gerald arrived she stated that she was doing this under the order of Councilman Bell. Councilman Bell stated he was unaware of these events.

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, Brenda made a Motion to Adjourn. Billie Jo 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 8:50 p.m.

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

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Shane Hunter, Mayor

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JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk

**CLOSED MINUTES**  
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Council discussed issues in the work performance of Vick Wright. Council then met with Vicki to address her work performance. Ms. Wright was verbally counseled on deficiencies.

Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to return to open session at 8:25 p.m. 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