

MINUTES
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
October 14, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Lisa Mitchell

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, Lisa Mitchell and Brenda Schmitt.

Mayor Hunter opened the floor to any citizens wishing to address council.

With no citizen present wishing to address council, Mayor Hunter asked that the September 9, 2013 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.

Mayor Hunter then called attention to the bids for asphalt work to be done on 4th Street. Upon review it was found that Logan Paving was the lowest bidder at \$23,145.00 to do the requested work. JoAnn told Lisa Mitchell that she had talked to Logan Paving and that they would install the speed bumps at no charge. Lisa spoke to council again about the need of the speed bumps to keep cars from running the stop signs. The work scope will be to re-grade 4th street from Depot to George and lay 3 inches of hot mix asphalt, and to chip and seal 4th street from Depot to Main street. Additionally, speed bumps will be placed at the both stop signs at Main Street free of charge. Brenda made a Motion to accept the bid from Logan Paving upon the verification of references. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Next JoAnn asked to renew the GIS system with Newton County. JoAnn explained it has been a valuable tool. Lisa Mitchell made a Motion to renew the GIS system at a cost of \$120.00. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Next JoAnn asked for funds to update the City Code Books. It is expected to cost approximately \$1,674.00. Brenda asked if would provide updates for all the books the City has. She was told yes it would update all books and so, Brenda made a Motion to approve necessary funds to update the City Code. Lisa Mitchell seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none

JoAnn then asked council to approve renewing the health insurance in December, 2013. She explained that with the new healthcare reform, our insurance agent suggested that we renew in December to prolong the raise in costs that would go into effect in June. Renewing now would push the increases back to December. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to renew our health insurance in December. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Mayor Hunter then addressed council about the purchase of a snow plow. He stated that he thought he had found one, but the price turned out to be to high. He also stated he found another one that was located about three hours away, but it had been sitting for about three years and he felt it was not worth taking a chance on. He told council he would continue to look for one and keep them informed.

Mayor Hunter then addressed City Officers' Reports. Police Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Billie Jo Hardy asked Mike who sets the fine amounts. Mike explained the Judge sets the fees in accordance with the State.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Vicki asked if civic organization such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts could be allowed to use Memorial Hall free of charge since their funds are minimal. Council discussed letting them use it free as long as they left it clean and maybe donated some paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper from time to time. Brenda made a Resolution that Civic Organizations such as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts be allowed to use Memorial Hall free of charge with the occasional donation of paper products and providing they clean up

when they are done using it. Lisa seconded the Resolution. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Next, Vicki Wright speaking as the only remaining member of the Park Board, asked council to approve the purchase of a new swing set for the park. The cost will be \$1,739.00. Lisa Mitchell made a Motion to allow the purchase of the new swing set. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. Brenda asked about the CDBG Grant Proposal Responses, and what we are doing next. JoAnn explained that she is seeking input from all available sources to determine what the next step will be. In the mean time we will continue with plans to do the smoke testing and anything possible to get ready to do the repairs at the lagoon. There were no further questions.

Water Superintendant Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. It was announced that Jesse is a proud new papa. His son was born last week so he was out on vacation last week.

Wastewater Superintendant Will Hutson submitted a written report. There were no questions for Will. Duane Linch submitted a written 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 at this time. Lisa Mitchell had nothing at this time. Brenda Schmitt asked about the flooding on Cullum Court. Mayor Hunter explained that the water issues are caused by the high elevation of the old rail road bed behind Cullum Court. He told her that he had been working on a plan to dig a trench along the old rail road bed to bring the water down to the drainage ditch at the park. He stated that he had already gotten consent from the land owners to do this project and that the cost associated would be all in backhoe work. Brenda asked if Shane had consulted the engineer about it and Shane explained he had.

Mayor Hunter had nothing at this time and requested a vote to go into closed session under section 610.021.03 RSMo. Brenda made a Motion to go into closed session at 7:57 p.m. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

At 8:17 p.m. a vote was taken to return to open session, with Brenda voting yes, Lisa Mitchell voting yes and Billie Jo Hardy voting yes.

Upon returning to open session, it was announced that Will Hutson was no longer an employee of the City of Diamond.

Next Duane Linch addressed council about his role in the City. He stated that since Jesse is now doing the water testing and can operate under his own license, he would not be charging the City \$200.00 per month for that service. He stated in light of the vacancy of Will Hutson's position he would continue to do all necessary sampling, testing and reports for the wastewater department as long as needed. He will continue to be paid \$780.23 per month for this service. Council agreed. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to change Duane Linch's pay from \$980.23 per month to \$780.23 per month. Brenda seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Lisa Mitchell yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, none.

Next Mayor Hunter asked for approval to pay the listed and unlisted bills. Lisa Mitchell made a Motion to pay bills listed and unlisted. 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 8.27 p.m.

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Minutes approved _____, 2013

Shane Hunter. Mayor

JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk