

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

MAYOR SHANE HUNTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 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 sought approval of the Minutes of August 28, 2014. Brenda asked for a correction in the second paragraph to change a to an. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to approve the Minutes with the correction. Jerry Shipman 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. No citizens asked to speak and the Mayor recognized Addison from Dollar General. Dollar General was seeking approval for a Liquor License. A discussion took place with regard to the selling of liquor in Diamond. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to approval the Liquor License and allow JoAnn to write a letter of approval for Dollar General. There were no seconds and the Motion failed.

Next Council reviewed Resolution 09152014, A Resolution Amending the 2013-2014 City Budget. Having been previously posted the Resolution was read by title only. Brenda Schmitt made a Motion to approve Resolution 09152014 to Amend the 213-2014 City Budget. Jerry 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 asphalt work. The bids were opened and Swift Construction was found to have the lowest bid at \$109,921.45. Council then discussed what parts of the bid would be accepted. It was decided that the City would do spot repairs to Main Street from Ellison to Cherry, so this part of the bid will be declined. Billie Jo Hardy made a Motion to accept Swift's bid for asphalt work from Market to Ellison on Main Street at a cost of \$41,160.30. 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 then looked at the bid for Maple Street. Jerry Shipman made a Motion to accept Swift's bid for work on Maple and Bonnie Lane, providing that they will provide in writing that the cost for Bonnie Lane is to create a proper two lane street. If this cannot be provided, then the bid will be rejected. Ken Bell seconded the Motion with the condition. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Ken Bell yes, Jerry Shipman yes. All opposed, Billie Jo Hardy. JoAnn then asked that they approve the purchase of manhole risers for the work on Main Street. Ken made a Motion to approve the purchase of manhole risers. 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.

Mike Jones asked Council to approve the payment of \$550.00 to J&J Collision for repairs to car 702. It was discussed that 702 might need to be replaced due to almost constant repairs being done to it. Council reviewed a couple proposals for replacement and discussed possibly going to an SUV. Brenda made a Motion to pay J&J Collision. 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 reviewed the need for TriState Engineering to complete an Inflow Report for DNR. JoAnn explained that the report had to be completed by an engineer and that she and Gerald are working with Shaun McConnaughey to get the cost down. Brenda asked why the report needed to be done. JoAnn explained that it is the last report due under our Abatement and should have been completed last year. Brenda made a Motion to have TriState complete the needed report. 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.

Next council approved the new trash contract with Republic Services of Galena (Allied Services, LLC). Trash rates were reviewed and Brenda made a Motion to change the rate for all senior citizens 62 years of age or older and all disabled citizen (proof provided) to \$9.00 per month, and to leave regular residential service at \$12.70 and \$5.00 per extra cart. Billie Jo Hardy seconded the Motion. All in Favor, Brenda Schmitt yes, Billie Jo Hardy yes. All opposed, Jerry Shipman and Ken Bell. Mayor Hunter broke the tie by voting yes.

Mayor Hunter then addressed City Officers' Reports. Police Chief Mike Jones submitted a written report. Brenda asked about the status of the incident with Officer Smith. Mike told her it is on this month's docket. She then asked Mike how many tickets he had issued for tall grass. He told her he had not issued any. He explained that everyone he warned had complied. Next she asked what the ticket policy was for having a headlight out on a car. Mike explained that if it is the passenger side a warning is issued. If it is a driver's side a defective equipment ticket is issued. He explained that when they come to court to show the fixed headlight, the judge usually dismisses or lowers the fine. She then asked Mike about the dog that had to be shot. She felt that the dog should have been caught and transported to the Human Society. It was explained that we had a resident call about this vicious dog. Gerald went to check on the dog and the dog rammed the side of the truck when he pulled in. Gerald sprayed pepper spray with no effect. Gerald called Mike to help. The dog could not be approached and it continued to attack. The dog was ultimately put down.

The Court Clerk/City Collector submitted a written report. Ken Bell stated that he had asked Vicki about providing more information on the bills. Vicki said she would check with CUSI to see what can be done. Jerry Shipman expressed dissatisfaction with the placement of the reminder about Pitbulls. JoAnn explained she was the one who typed that in and according to the computer she had room. There was no way to tell the postal bar code would cover it.

Water Superintendant Jesse Gibson submitted a written report. Jesse also presented Council with a proposal he and Gerald had worked on. This would be an incentive for new business to receive their money back for a meter install after a period of time. Brenda asked if JoAnn would put this on the Agenda to be discussed next month. Ken asked Jesse about the signs and Jesse told him they arrived today and would be installed by the end of the week.

Wastewater Superintendant Gerald Ezell submitted a written report. No additional questions were asked.

City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen submitted a written report. JoAnn told Council that the recycling bin would be delivered in the morning and that we would post it on the sign and in the Dispatch and on the next water bill.

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 stated that the Gem City Days event went well. She felt parking was an issue.

Billie Jo Hardy asked Mike if any officers were present in the park during the event. He stated not unless called. Gem City Committee was to provide security. Billie Jo expressed concern about one of the vendors who was out of line with a few people. Mike stated that they did not have any reports. It was decided to speak with the Committee about not letting that vendor return next year.

Ken Bell had nothing at this time.

Jerry Shipman had nothing at this time.

Mayor Hunter stated he felt that the Gem City Committee needs to meet with Council before the event next year. Council recognized the liability of the event on City property and issues need to be addressed.

Next Mayor Hunter asked for approval to pay the listed and unlisted bills. JoAnn asked to include Allied and Mo DNR bills that were submitted late. Brenda made a Motion to pay bills listed and unlisted. Billie Jo 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 9:10 p.m.

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Minutes approved _____, 2014

Shane Hunter. Mayor

JoAnn Ohlhausen, City Clerk