

Minutes
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
August 01, 2022 Open Session

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mike Navarro called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor Mike Navarro opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mike Navarro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Shelley Loyd did roll call. Present were: Mayor Mike Navarro, Alderman Amy Thomlinson, Alderman Brandon Poindexter, Treasurer Brandon Webb and Board President Michael Badley. A quorum was present.

ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY: Water Supervisor Ron Callis, and Waste Water Supervisor Nick Frazier Also present was Andy Novinger with Anderson Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andy Novinger with Anderson Engineering addressed the Board of Alderman on a revised Facility plan for Water and Sewer Infrastructure repairs. Mr. Novinger is hoping that the City can obtain a grant from the USDA or DNR funds. He stated that there are more funds available currently than there has been in the past. He feels funds obtained from ARPA could be difficult to receive as they have had numerous applications turned in for funding. Mr. Novinger informed the Board that the City would have a better opportunity to receive funding if the City had Revenue Bonds.

The Mayor informed the Board that the City was looking into the possibility of obtaining a Bond Issue for Sewer repairs in the City. The language in the Bond would state for Water and Sewer repairs, so that the City would only require one Bond issue to bring before the citizens for this issue. The Mayor explained to the Board of Alderman that you only have to use Bond funds if they are needed, meaning that if the City obtains Grant funding there would be a possibility that the Bonds would not have to be sold for funding.

The Mayor presented a power point presentation highlighting the main projects in the City concerning Waste Water. The projects are also listed in the Facility Plan Addendum #2 that Mr. Novinger handed out at the meeting. Mr. Novinger stated that the preferred course of action would be for the Board of Alderman to approve an Ordinance at the August 08, 2022 meeting calling for an election on a Revenue Bond question at the November 08, 2022 election. The City would also have a Public hearing to review any questions citizens may have concerning the Bond issue on October 24, 2022. The election would be held on November 08, 2022.

The projects would hopefully be completed in January of 2025.

The Wastewater Supervisor showed pictures of trouble spots for Water and Wastewater in the City, some that had been repaired and some that are hopefully going to be repaired by the City workers.

Treasurer Brandon Webb had several questions concerning the Bond issue. Mr. Webb wondered why the City couldn't put the Bond issue on the ballot in April of 2023. He has concerns that the City is rushing into the process.

ADJOURN:

- All business having been presented and addressed, Board President Michael Badley made the motion to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. Alderman Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.
 - Board President Michael Badley Yes
 - Alderman Brandon Poindexter Yes

- Alderman Amy Thomlinson Yes
- Treasurer Brandon Webb Yes
- Nays None

Minute's approved August 08, 2022

Mike Navarro
Mike Navarro, Mayor

Shelley Loyd
Shelley Loyd, City Clerk

