Minutes

**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

January 13, 2020 Open Session

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Brenda Schmitt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Board President Bill Buening opened the meeting with prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Brenda Schmitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Shelley Loyd did roll call, Present were: Mayor Brenda Schmitt, Alderman Michael Badley, Alderman Amy Thomlinson, Treasurer Dale Alford and Board President Bill Buening. A quorum was present.

**ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY:** City Collector Jessie Sartin, Police Chief Mike Jones, Water Supervisor Ron Callis and City Employee Nick Frazier.

**CITIZENS AND VISITORS ALSO PRESENT:** Keith Brumfield a citizen of Diamond.

**APPROVING THE AGENDA:**

* Board President Bill Buening made the Motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the Motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

**APPROVING THE MINUTES:**

* Board President Bill Buening made the Motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2019 Open Session. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the Motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |
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* Board President Bill Buening made the Motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2019 Closed Session. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the Motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

**OPEN FORUM:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* The Mayor decided to discuss Old Business first.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* The Mayor informed the Board of a bid sent by Cowin Construction to resurface the roof of City Hall. Treasurer Dale Alford made the suggestion to contact a man that he has used in the past for work, named Neal Olgesby out of Kansas. The City Clerk will call Mr. Olgesby to see about a quote for the roof. The decision on the roof will be postponed until the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting.
* There was also discussion of a quote to repair the stucco on the building by Kent Greenwood. That will also be postponed until the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* The Mayor brought up the issue of Police Department work schedules. There was a discussion of a Holiday work schedule, such as having Officers working Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, and Fourth of July. It was determined that Chief Jones would decide the hours for his Officers to work. Treasurer Dale Alford suggested that the Officers patrol all the town and not just stay in one area as much.
* The next issue the Mayor discussed was the installation of cameras for the police vehicles. Chief Jones suggested that he needed Body Cameras more than cameras for the police vehicles. Chief Jones stated he would like at least 2 more Body Cameras. As there is money in the Police budget, Board President Bill Buening made the motion for Chief Jones to purchase 2 Body Cameras. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |
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* It was decided that the Cameras for the Patrol vehicles needed further research.Chief Jones will bring estimates to the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting.
* A brief discussion was held on the subject of the Policy for the Body Cameras. City Attorney Charles Genisio had told the Mayor that reviewing footage of the Body Cameras was up to the Board.
* The Mayor brought up the idea of pursuing delinquent Water/Sewer and Property tax accounts through legal channels. The Board decided the first step would be to notify the citizens by letter that if these past due payments were not taken care of, legal action could follow.
* The Mayor discussed with the board the possibility of going paperless for the monthly Board Meetings. Board President Bill Buening made the motion to purchase 4 I-Pads at a cost of $379.99 each from Verizon. Treasurer Dale Alford seconded the motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |
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The next item that the Mayor brought before the Board was raising the reconnect fees on the Water/Sewer bills when a citizen is shut off. Treasurer Dale Alford made the motion that the first and second time a citizen is shut off the fee will be $25.00 to have the water turned back on. The 3rd occurrence requiring the water to be shut off, the citizen will be required to pay the past due amount, the current bill due and the $25.00 reconnect fee. This would start over yearly (from January through December) Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Alderman Michael Badley   + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

The Mayor reminded the Board that Marshall Decker from Decker & DeGood had suggested that we increase the Surety Bonds for the employees to either $50,000.00 or $75,000.00. Board President Bill Buening made the motion to increase the Surety bonds to $50,000.00. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Alderman Michael Badley   + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

The next issue the Mayor brought up to the Board was the Service Recycling bin that is located behind the Police Station. Service Recycling wants to start charging $45.00 per month for these services, where in the past it has always been at no charge. Treasurer Dale Alford made the motion to remove the recycling bin from the City. Board President Bill Buening seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Alderman Michael Badley   + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |
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The Mayor discussed the Police County Law Enforcement Tax which the Board said they would not support.

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**RESOLUTIONS, BILLS, AND ORDINANCES:**

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**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:**

* Chief of Police-Submitted written reports.
* Court Clerk-Submitted written reports.
* City Clerk-Submitted written reports.
* City Collector- Submitted written reports.
* Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports.
* Waste Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports.

**REPORTS OF CITY COMMITTEES:**

* Planning & Zoning Committee
* Park Board Committee

**MAYOR/BOARD REPORTS:**

The Mayor addressed the Board concerning the City using a signature stamp for any checks written. It was decided the City would continue to physically sign the checks. Review of job performance was decided to be discussed in Closed Session.

**PAYABLES:** After reviewing the bills, listed and unlisted, Board President Bill Buening made the Motion to approve paying the bills. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the Motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Board President Bill Buening made the motion to go into Closed Session at 8:33 pm. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

**OPEN SESSION:**

Board President Bill Buening made the motion to return to Open Session at 9:07 pm.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

**ADJOURN:**

All business having been presented and addressed, Board President Bill Buening made the Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the Motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Dale Alford | Yes |
| * + Board President Bill Buening   + Alderman Amy Thomlinson   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Minute’s approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Brenda Schmitt, Mayor

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Shelley Loyd, City Clerk