

Minutes
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
January 24, 2022 Open Session

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mike Navarro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Alderman Dale Alford 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, Board President Michael Badley, Alderman Amy Thomlinson, Treasurer Brandon Webb and Alderman Dale Alford. A quorum was present.

ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY: Water Supervisor Ron Callis, Waste Water Supervisor Nick Frazier, Collector Angela Darkis, Brandon Cheek of the Street Department and Chief Jones. Also present was Dr. Keith White Superintendent of Diamond RIV Schools, Brian Jackson from Hight Jackson Associates, and Michael Atkinson from Alger Martin and Associates.

APPROVING THE AGENDA:

Treasurer Brandon Webb made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Yes |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Treasurer Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

APPROVING THE MINUTES:

Alderman Amy Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Minutes from the December 13, 2021 Open Session and Closed Session. Board President Michael Badley seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Abstain |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Treasurer Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

OPEN FORUM

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor addressed the Board on property on South Washington St that is currently for sale to be approved for both Commercial and Residential zoning. Alderman Amy Thomlinson made the motion to approve the use of the property as Commercial and Residential. Treasurer Brandon Webb seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Yes |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Treasurer Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

Dr. Keith White, Superintendent of Diamond RIV Schools addressed the Board on the growth of the School district and the school systems 5–10-year site plan. He stated that the district had a substantial growth in the last 2 years. The School district would like the City to allow them to retain ownership of Main Street from 4th St to the intersection at 59 Hwy. They would like to permanently close the street therefore making the school a closed campus. He discussed the changes the district would like to make to the school buildings, their driveways and entrances to the buildings. They would like to start the procedure to formally request the closing of Main St. and the School District receiving ownership of Main St.

The Mayor and the Board as well as the Water Superintendent and Waste Water Superintendent pointed out multiple issues with the closing of Main St pertaining to water and sewer mains and lines. The Board had concerns as to how closing of Main St would affect the citizens who utilize the street. There were also concerns on how rerouting traffic away from Main St would affect the residential streets that the traffic would have to be directed to.

Chief Jones stated that on most school days there can be up to 700 cars going through the School Zone. His concern is if traffic is rerouted away from Main St when it is closed, that there would have to be another Officer on duty during School Zones to patrol the possible route which would include Depot St to Market St. It was determined that the issue would be tabled and a future meeting will be set to discuss the issues further.

The Mayor addressed the Board on the City purchasing a Sewer camera system for the City's use. This system would help the utility workers look at the sewer system and determine repairs that have been done in the past and repairs that still need to be addressed. Waste Water Supervisor Nick Frazier explained the difference in the camera systems that were listed for review. The City has funds from the Cares ACT that could be utilized for the purchase of the system and there would be no tax payer funds used. Alderman Amy Thomlinson made the motion for the purchase of a camera system with a budget of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars and no cents). Alderman Dale Alford seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Yes |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Treasurer Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor addressed the Board on the points of the Short Term Disability Policy that he would like to see the City adopt. It assures the employee will receive their pay with several stipulations included in the policy. The Board members were concerned about several aspects of the Policy such as the pay, and City personnel having to ask for medical records. It was determined the City would look at other options such as AFLAC and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The Mayor gave a review of the Bereavement Leave policy that had some of the verbiage changed.

After the review of Bill, No. 01242022, Ordinance No. 483 it was requested by the Board of Alderman that several changes be made in the wording of the bill before approval. There was also the question if Newton County Health Department would look into a citizen of Diamond's septic tank if an issue arose.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

- Chief of Police- No report from the Chief.
- Court Clerk- Submitted written reports. Clerk is still having issues reconciling the bank statement in Show Me Courts.
- City Clerk –Submitted written report

- City Collector- Submitted written report.
- Water Superintendent- Submitted written reports.
- Waste Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports. The Waste Water Superintendent discussed the issue of the motor at the West Lagoon Wet Well needing to be replaced.
- Street Superintendent – Submitted written reports.

MAYOR/BOARD REPORTS:

REPORTS OF CITY COMMITTEES:

- Planning & Zoning Committee- The Mayor told the Board that the Planning & Zoning Committee is comprised of 11 members.
- Park Board Committee – The Mayor informed the Board that at the next Parks Board meeting Garrett Brinks or his assistance would be attending from the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council to discuss various grants that the City could possibly apply for.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Amy Thomlinson made the motion to go into Closed Session at 8:25 P.M. Treasurer Brandon Webb seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Yes |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Alderman Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

PAYABLES:

After reviewing the bills, listed and unlisted, the Board unanimously approved via group text on January 10, 2022 paying the bills.

ADJOURN:

- All business having been presented and addressed, Alderman Amy Thomlinson made the motion to adjourn at 8:57 P.M. Treasurer Brandon Webb seconded the motion.

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| • Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • Alderman Dale Alford | Yes |
| • Alderman Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • Treasurer Brandon Webb | Yes |
| • Nays | None |

Minute's approved 02/14/, 2022

Mike Navarro

Mike Navarro, Mayor

Shelley Loyd

Shelley Loyd, City Clerk

