

Minutes
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
October 9, 2023 Open Session

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

OPENING PRAYER: President Brandon Poindexter opened the meeting with prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Amy Thomlinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Kari Payton did roll call. Present were: Mayor Amy Thomlinson, Board President Brandon Poindexter, Alderman Dayton Wicker and Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson. A quorum was present.

ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY: Chief Mike Jones, Water Supervisor Ron Callis, City Collector Krystyn Badley, Court Clerk Jessica Frazier, Parks Zach Dunaway, Streets Brandon Cheek. Citizens included John Allan, Stormy Cain, Chandler Breashers, and Vicky Wright. Also attending Andy Novinger and Jon Benson.

APPROVING THE AGENDA:

Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson motioned to approve the agenda. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Alderman Michael Badley | Not Present |
| • | Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

APPROVING THE MINUTES:

Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve the Minutes from the September 11, 2023. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Alderman Michael Badley | Not Present |
| • | Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

OPEN FORUM:

John Allan brought to the Boards attention that closing off Main Street by the school all day is an inconvenience to the entire town. He would like it to be open throughout the day. He also stated that he is against the School trying to expand onto his property. Alderman Dayton Wicker let Mr. Allan know that he went up to the school a couple of days in a row to see how many kids crossed the street during school. Mr. Wicker observed at least 50 students crossing the street during school hours. Stormy Cain representing Gem City asked the Mayor if the City is still willing to back Gem City financially once they get their funds from the City. Mayor Amy stated we will back them with a reasonable amount she also let Gem City know that is not covered under the City insurance. Board President Brandon Poindexter stated that we will come up with an amount that the City will cover Gem City up to. It will be brought to the Board at the next meeting to be voted on.

- City Clerk Kari Payton swore in new City Collector Krystyn Badley.

RESOLUTIONS, BILLS, AND ORDINANCES:

- First reading of Bill No.10092023 Ordinance No. 506 amending Ordinance No. 482 pertaining to the Rates for Trash Collection. Second reading of Bill No. 10092023 Ordinance No. 506 amending Ordinance No. 482 pertaining to the Rates for Trash Collection. Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to amend Ordinance No. 482 pertaining to the Rates for Trash Collection. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.

• Board President Brandon Poindexter	Yes
• Alderman Michael Badley	Not Present
• Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson	Yes
• Alderman Dayton Wicker	Yes
• Nays	None

- First reading of Bill No.10092023 Ordinance No. 507 an Ordinance approving the Creation of a Bank Account for the FY23 Storm Siren. Second reading of Bill No.10092023 Ordinance No. 507 an Ordinance approving the Creation of a Bank Account for the FY23 Storm Siren. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion approve the Bank Creation. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

• Board President Brandon Poindexter	Yes
• Alderman Michael Badley	Not Present
• Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson	Yes
• Alderman Dayton Wicker	Yes
• Nays	None

- First reading of Bill No.10092023 Ordinance No. 508 an Ordinance approving the Creation of a Bank account for the FY23 Police Car Construction Account. Second reading of Bill No.10092023 Ordinance No. 508 an Ordinance approving the Creation of a Bank account for the FY23 Police Car Construction Account. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion approve the Bank Creation. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

• Board President Brandon Poindexter	Yes
• Alderman Michael Badley	Not Present
• Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson	Yes
• Alderman Dayton Wicker	Yes
• Nays	None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Andy Novinger discussed the sewer project with the board stating it should start happening within a few months.
- Jon Benson from D.A.Davidson came to the Board requesting they D.A.Davidson be our City's Advisor. Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve D.A.Davidson to be our City's Advisor. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

• Board President Brandon Poindexter	Yes
• Alderman Michael Badley	Not Present
• Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson	Yes
• Alderman Dayton Wicker	Yes

- Nays None

- City Clerk Kari Payton presented moving from our current system G-Works over to QuickBooks. She advised that G-Works has been nothing but a mess and the customer service is slow to fix issues. City Collector Krystyn Badley has looked into QuickBooks pricing and how much it would be to migrate over. Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve migrating over QuickBooks. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

- Board President Brandon Poindexter Yes
- Alderman Michael Badley Not Present
- Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson Yes
- Alderman Dayton Wicker Yes
- Nays None

- Mr. Albin is requesting that we extend the 4th of July through the 7th to be able to shoot off fireworks. It was brought to the Board that Mr. Albin would need to go to the Fire Department to get a permit to do so.
- Mrs. Thomlinson brought to the Boards attention that there are not enough members on the Park Board. She stated that Cindy Powers have volunteered to be on the Park Board if it was approved by the City Council. Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to vote Cindy Powers in on the Park Board. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

- Board President Brandon Poindexter Yes
- Alderman Michael Badley Not Present
- Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson Yes
- Alderman Dayton Wicker Yes
- Nays None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Severs are rinsing out tankers. They plan to use the water 3 times and on the 4th time they would like to dump it at our Lagoon.
- Hamilton and Maple needs to get surveyed since the previous owner is trying to sell City property. Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to get it surveyed. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

- Board President Brandon Poindexter Yes
- Alderman Michael Badley Not Present
- Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson Yes
- Alderman Dayton Wicker Yes
- Nays None

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

- Chief of Police-Submitted written reports
- Court Clerk- Submitted written reports.
- City Clerk – Submitted written report.
- City Collector- No written report submitted.
- Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports.
- Waste Water Superintendent- No written report submitted.
- Street Superintendent - No written report submitted.

MAYOR/BOARD REPORTS:

- Mayor presented her report – Mayor brought to the board that R-4 School Superintendent Dr. White would not be available to come to this meeting but will attend in December. She has spoken to Tyler Judd with Aflac and has set up enrollment for November 14th. Ashley with USDA called for a meeting advising Diamond was awarded \$7,800 towards a police vehicle and \$10,500 toward a storm siren. City Clerk Kari Payton and Mayor are working on necessary paperwork to meet the requirements for the grants. The Park Board is hosting a Movie in the Park and costume contest October 21st at 6pm. The City has placed a little library on the east side of the police station. Planning and Zoning no longer has the required number of members to function as set by ordinance. Mayor met with the members of Gem City Committee and they discussed them getting their own bank account set up separate from the City of Diamond.

REPORTS OF CITY COMMITTEES:

PAYABLES:

After reviewing the bills, listed and unlisted Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the Motion to approve paying the bills listed and unlisted Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| • | Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

ADJOURN:

- All business having been presented and addressed, President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.

Minute's approved _____, 2023

Amy Thomlinson, Mayor

Kari Payton, City Clerk