Minutes

**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

August 14, 2023 Open Session

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Alderman Dayton Wicker 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 Michael Badley, Alderman Dayton Wicker and Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson. A quorum was present.

**ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY:** Chief Mike Jones, Water Supervisor Ron Callis, Waste Water Supervisor Nick Frazier, City Collector Chandler Breshears, Court Clerk Jessica Frazier, Streets Brandon Cheek, Parks Zach Dunaway, Officer DeSean Joseph, Officer Dalton Couch.

**APPROVING THE AGENDA:**

Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

**APPROVING THE MINUTES:**

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Board Alderman Michael Badley made the motion to approve the Minutes from the July 10, 2023. President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

**OPEN FORUM:**

Chandler Breshears requested that we pay former City Clerk Shelley Loyd for questions that the office had that we don’t have answers for. Chandler Breshears also requested that we change the City Hall hours to Mon-Thurs 7:30-4:30 and on Fridays 7:30-noon. Board President Brandon Poindexter agreed that we should pay former City Clerk Shelley Loyd if answers are needed. The Board agreed to the hour changes to the City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS, BILLS, AND ORDINANCES:**

The Mayor read the first reading of Bill No. 08142023 Ordinance No. 500 an ordinance of approving the creation of a Bank account for the Gem City Day Funds. After the second reading of Bill No. 08142023 Ordinance No. 500 Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Next is the first reading of Bill No.08142023A Ordinance No. 501 amending Ordinance No. 265 pertaining animal control. After the second reading of Bill No.08142023A Ordinance No. 501 Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

First reading of Bill No.08142023B Ordinance No. 502 amending Ordinance No. 298 pertaining to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors has been postponed until the September meeting due to the incorrect verbiage.

Next Mayor presented the first reading of Bill No.08142023C Ordinance No. 503 an ordinance authorizing a gate on Main St. After the second reading of Bill No.08142023C Ordinance No. 503 Alderman Michael Badley made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Next is the first reading of Resolution No.08142023D concerning acceptance of compliance with Various requirements to obtain Financial Assistance from United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. After the second reading of Resolution No.08142023D Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Resolution. Alderman Michael Badley seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Mayor read the first reading of Bill No.08142023E Ordinance No. 504 concerning conflict of interest. After reading the second reading of Bill No.08142023E Ordinance No. 504 Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Mayor presented the first reading of Resolution No.08142023F authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri DNR, Financial Assistance Center’s funding programs for loans and/or grants under the Missouri Clean Water Law. After the second reading of Resolution No.08142023F Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to add Bill No. 08142023G Resolution to the Agenda.

First reading of Resolution No.08142023G authorizing the Mayor to apply for, and if awarded, accept a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant which provides funding for eligible activities. After the second reading of Resolution No. 08142023G Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Resolution. Alderman Michael Badley seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:**

* Chief of Police-Submitted written reports and a Police Protection Intermunicipal agreement. Board President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to move forward with the agreement for the Police Protection Intermunicipal. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.
* Court Clerk- Submitted written reports.
* City Clerk – No written report submitted.
* City Collector- Submitted written reports.
* Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports.
* Waste Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports.
* Street Superintendent - No written report submitted.

**MAYOR/BOARD REPORTS:**

* Mayor presented her report – Mayor brought to the board that she spoke to Susan Nelson representing the Diamond Lions Club. Susan would like for the Mayor and two Board members to be judges in the Christmas parade. Alderman Michael Badley and Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson agreed to be judges in the Christmas parade. Mayor let the board know that the procedures for non-payment of city utility bills have had changes made to them aligning with state law. A final notice bill will be placed on the door of the residence prior to day of water disconnection. Next Wayne Morgan, a representative of the board for Diamond cemetery requested that the city look into taking over the cemetery as the current board is aging. At the current time the City Board is against taking over the cemetery. Mayor discussed putting in a ADA accessible walking trail. She has budgeted for $125,000 to come from the park/storm water fund. Board President Brandon Poindexter motioned to get open Bids and drawings for the park walking trail. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion. Lastly the Mayor advised the board that the office will be closed at various times in September for training from G-works and Badger meters.

**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. Board President Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes  Yes |
| * + Nays | None |

**ADJOURN:**

* All business having been presented and addressed, Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| * + Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| * + Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| * + Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson   + Alderman Dayton Wicker   + Nays | Yes  Yes  None |

Minute’s approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Amy Thomlinson, Mayor

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Kari Payton, City Clerk