

Minutes
CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
April 10, 2023 Open Session

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mike Navarro called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Treasurer Amy Thomlinson, Alderman Brandon Poindexter, Alderman Kyley Patterson and Board President Michael Badley. A quorum was present.

ALSO REPRESENTING THE CITY: Water Supervisor Ron Callis, Court Clerk Jessica Frazier, Chief Mike Jones, Waste Water Supervisor Nick Frazier, Brandon Cheek with the Street Department and Zach Dunaway an employee of the City. Also present was Dayton Wicker and Prescott Thomlinson citizens of the City and Chloe Jameson who was observing the meeting for a college class.

APPROVING THE AGENDA:

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

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

APPROVING THE MINUTES:

Alderman Brandon Poindexter made the motion to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Open Sessions. Alderman Kyley Patterson seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor informed the Board that during the Covid pandemic the City had adopted a policy for an employee to receive their normal pay if they were off work due to Covid. He stated that the Federal government has determined that the pandemic is over and suggested that the Board resume the regular sick pay protocol that was in place before the Covid pandemic. Alderman Brandon Poindexter made the motion to resume regular sick pay protocol. Kyley Patterson seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

The next item before the Board was bids to replace 1 or all 3 of the garage doors at the Maintenance Barn. The City had received 3 bids for the replacement to be done. Board President Michael Badley suggested that the City should ask Mac Steel for a bid on the doors. This issue was tabled until a bid is received.

Another item was the issue of Utility bills that the City has never received payment on. The Mayor informed the Board that the bills had been sent to the customer several times, the customer had tried to be reached by telephone and most of the bills were received back in the mail with no solution. Alderman Kyley Patterson made the motion to approve writing the bills off the City Accounts. Treasurer Amy Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor brought up the fee that is currently paid to the City Attorney. The Attorney had requested an increase in his fee per hour as there hadn't been an increase in 15 years. Treasurer Amy Thomlinson made the motion to increase the fee for the Attorney to \$200 per hour. Alderman Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

The Mayor discussed with the Board an issue that had come up concerning Emotional Support Dogs. One of the citizens has a Pit Bull dog which that particular breed is not allowed in the City limits. When she was questioned about the dog she showed an ID for the dog showing it is an Emotional Support Dog. The City Attorney was asked to advise the City how to proceed with this issue. The Attorney stated that as long as it has the ID and is registered as an Emotional Support Dog, we cannot make them remove the dog. They do however have to follow all the City ordinances pertaining to dogs such as licenses and rabies shots.

RESOLUTIONS, BILLS, AND ORDINANCES:

The Mayor read Bill No. 04102023, Ord. # 495 for the first time pertaining to a change in verbiage in Section 3 of the Ord.# 423. The change was in the length of term for the Franchise agreement with Granby Telephone Co It should read 15 years for the agreement but the 15 years had been marked through and 5 years handwritten on the original Ordinance. After the second reading of Bill No. 04102023 Ord. #495 Treasurer Amy Thomlinson made the motion to approve the verbiage change. Alderman Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

The Mayor next had the first reading of Bill No 04102023A, Ord. #496 pertaining to Residential Districts in the City of Diamond. After the second reading of Bill No 04102023A Ord. #496 Treasurer Amy Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Alderman Kyley Patterson seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |

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| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

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.
- Street Superintendent – Submitted written reports.

MAYOR/BOARD REPORTS:

The Mayor discussed with the Board the issue of the Security Cameras at City Hall. The cameras have stopped working entirely. The Mayor did have one bid for the job of replacing the cameras. The bid would be in the area of \$10,000.00 and would be a cloud based system. This system would also cover the Police Department, the Red Police Barn and the Maintenance Barn. It was determined that more bids are needed.

REPORTS OF CITY COMMITTEES:

- Planning & Zoning Committee-
- Park Board Committee

CLOSED SESSION:

- Alderman Kyley Patterson made the motion to go into Closed Session at 6:45 PM. Alderman Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

PAYABLES:

After reviewing the bills, listed and unlisted Alderman Brandon Poindexter made the Motion to approve paying the bills listed and unlisted. Alderman Kyley Patterson seconded the motion.

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| • | Board President Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Treasurer Amy Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Alderman Kyley Patterson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |
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Waste Water Superintendent Nick Frazier presented the Mayor with a plaque for appreciation of service from the City Employees and the Board of Alderman.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Shelley Loyd swore in Amy Thomlinson as the new Mayor of Diamond.
City Clerk Shelley Loyd swore in Prescott Thomlinson as the new East Ward Alderman.
City Clerk Shelley Loyd swore in Dayton Wicker as the new West Ward Alderman.

The next item was the appointment of a new Board President and Treasurer. Board President Michael Badley made the motion to nominate Alderman Brandon Poindexter for President of the Board. Alderman Prescott Thomlinson seconded the motion.

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| • | Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes |
| • | Alderman Prescott Thomlinson | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

Next was the appointment of a new Treasurer. Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to appoint Alderman Prescott Thomlinson as the new Treasurer. Alderman Brandon Poindexter seconded the motion.

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| • | Alderman Michael Badley | Yes |
| • | Board President Brandon Poindexter | Yes |
| • | Alderman Dayton Wicker | Yes |
| • | Nays | None |

ADJOURN:

- All business having been presented and addressed, Alderman Brandon Poindexter made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 P.M. President Michael Badley seconded the motion.

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

Minute's approved _____, 2023

Amy Thomlinson, Mayor

Shelley Loyd, City Clerk