

City of **Diamond** Gem City of the Ozarks

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CITY OF DIAMOND **BOARD OF ALDERMAN** **PUBLIC OPEN MEETING** **MINUTES** **January 30, 2025**

OPEN SESSION:

A scheduled public open meeting was held on January 30, 2025 at the City of Diamond City Hall, located at 102 E. Market St. Mayor J. Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Opening prayer was led by Alderman M. Badley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Once all was seated the roll call was given by the City Clerk, A. Burruss. All that were in attendance were the following: Presiding President/Alderman D. Wicker, Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson, Alderman M. Navarro, Alderman M. Badley, and Mayor J. Howard. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Presiding President/Alderman D. Wicker to approve the January 30, 2025 agenda. Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson seconded the motion. Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson, Alderman M. Navarro, Presiding President D. Wicker, and Alderman M. Badley all voted in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Open Forum:

N/A

New Business:

Special guest, Jeff Glines, Operations, Director of the Area Agency of Aging Region had recently been in contact with Mayor J. Howard in regards to potentially starting a **Catered Meal Site**, in Diamond MO. Mayor of Diamond This program would provide those in and around the Diamond community one lunch per week. Director Glines stated that this would give those in the community a warm meal plus there will be activities for all ages to take part in. This schedule will be pending inclement weather however, the director informed the council that day he would set for Diamond would be on Fridays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Director Glines had stated that those 60 years and over would be free but a donation of \$3.50 is appreciated. Those under 60 years old would be \$7.00. Director Glines stated that he would prepare the meals in Joplin and transport the food in warmers to the site. Director Glines asked that the building that the city would allow him to use would be ADA compliant for entry/exit of the building, safe restrooms, and volunteers to help with serving the food. The requirements for the volunteers would be a background check, 18 years and older, and a food safety course that is free to the volunteers in Neosho. Glines is asking for at least 3 volunteers each time to help serve. (Mayor J. Howard had stated that she had contacted different churches to see if they would be interested in volunteering. However, the mayor is waiting to hear back from the church boards). Director Glines stated to the board that the city wouldn't be out any money, that he would provide all the necessary expenses. Mayor J. Howard,

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and the director had previously visited the Memorial Hall to see if the building would work for the site, in which Glines agreed it would work. Director Glines said he would provide a counter top dishwasher, in which the city will be responsible to maintain, a cabinet for their supplies, and wifi access at the building to do their reports. When asked about rides to the building from those that are not able to drive, the director said he would check on the OATS BUS to possibly help with assisting in rides. Electricity was discussed between the director of the agency, Board of Alderman, and the WasteWater Supervisor, Nick Fraizer. Nick had explained that there would need to be upgrades to the breakers in the Memorial Building, due to the age of the breakers, it needs to be up to code. Nick told the board that he would get three bids on upgrading the breakers and wiring and get back to the board with them. Presiding President/Alderman D. Wicker made a motion to approve the Catered Meal Site to come to Diamond, this motion is to include that the agency would not be charged a rental/deposit fee for the use of the Memorial Building during the time/duration of the meal. Treasurer/ Alderman P. Thomlinson seconded the motion. Alderman M. Navarro, Alderman M. Badley, Presiding President/Alderman D. Wicker, and Treasurer/ Alderman P. Thomlinson all voted in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

N/A

Closed Session:

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Motion to move to Close Session was made by Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson. Alderman M. Badley seconded the motion. Presiding President/Alderman D. Wicker, Alderman M. Navarro, Alderman M. Badley, and Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson all voted in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

After the motion was passed WasteWater Supervisor Nick Fraizer had asked if he could hand out a statement of an incident that had happened earlier that morning, and requested that Chief M. Jones and himself be allowed to enter a closed session to further discuss the situation. The request was granted.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

The board came back into open session where a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman M. Badley. Motion was seconded by Alderman M. Navarro. Treasurer/Alderman P. Thomlinson, and Alderman M. Navarro, Alderman M. Badley, and Presiding President D. Wicker all voted in favor. Motion was passed unanimously.

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(Presiding President/
Alderman's Signature)

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