

**Minutes**  
**CITY OF DIAMOND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**September 11, 2023 Open Session**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amy Thomlinson called the meeting to order at 5:51 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 Chandler Breshears, Court Clerk Jessica Frazier, Parks Zach Dunaway. Citizens included Jennifer Howard, Aubrey Mitchell and Trisha Beckett

**APPROVING THE AGENDA:**

Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to approve the agenda. Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson 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        |

**TAX LEVY HEARING**

- First reading of Bill No.09112023 Ordinance No. 505 providing for the levy of City taxes and establishing the rate of taxation for the City of Diamond for the year of 2023.
- Second reading of Bill No.09112023 Ordinance No. 505 providing for the levy of City taxes and establishing the rate of taxation for the City of Diamond for the year of 2023.

Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Tax Levy. 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 Prescott Thomlinson made the motion to approve the Minutes from the August 14th, 2023. 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        |

### **OPEN FORUM:**

Jennifer Howard brought to the Boards attention that she would like to remove the Ordinance 503 of the gate and/or get the times adjusted on it. She stated that if medical emergencies happen the paramedics wouldn't be able to get through. They would either have to get out of the vehicle and unchain it themselves or go around the block to get to the school. Alderman Dayton Wicker let Mrs. Howard know that the school requested that the City put the gate up and he would like to have a discussion with the School Board to go over the gate before we could make any decisions. Mr. Wicker suggested that the school Superintendent come to the next meeting so the gate can be discussed. Trisha Beckett suggested that the gate be moved up to the middle school so the high school students wouldn't be trapped in the school parking lot in the event that something would happen.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTIONS, BILLS, AND ORDINANCES:**

- First reading of Bill No.08142023B Ordinance No. 502 amending Ordinance No. 298 pertaining to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. Second reading of Bill No.08142023B Ordinance No. 502 amending Ordinance No. 298 pertaining to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. President Brandon Poindexter made the motion to amend Ordinance No.298 pertaining to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. 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        |

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:**

- Chief of Police-Submitted written reports
- Court Clerk- Submitted written reports.
- City Clerk – No written report submitted.
- City Collector- No written report submitted.
- Water Superintendent-Submitted written reports. He brought to the boards attention that Severs has requested to be able to dump in our Lagoon. Board President gave the approval to move forward.

- 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 her and Nick Frazier spoke to Andrew Novinger about the park trail, the ongoing sewer project and about the sidewalk grant.

### **REPORTS OF CITY COMMITTEES:**

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Alderman Dayton Wicker made the motion to go into Closed Session at 6:38 PM. Alderman 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        |

### **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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| • Alderman Michael Badley            | Not Present |
| • 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 6:55 P.M. Alderman Dayton Wicker seconded the motion.

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| • Alderman Michael Badley            | Not Present |
| • Treasurer Prescott Thomlinson      | Yes         |
| • Alderman Dayton Wicker             | Yes         |
| • Nays                               | None        |

Minute's approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Amy Thomlinson, Mayor

Kari Payton, City Clerk