MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 23, 2014
4:00 pm CST

I. Call to Order –Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. CST.

1. Invocation – Mayor Schafer
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Rech
3. **Roll Call –**

   Present: Councilmembers LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Councilmember Lopez present via teleconference in route to City Hall, Councilmember Sislow present via teleconference from Chicago, IL. Absent: None.

4. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order –** Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to accept the Agenda Order as presented.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to go into closed session to determine the necessity for an Executive Session.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The motion carried unanimously to go into Closed Session at 4:16 p.m. CST.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel, possible action with regard to a city employee and potential litigation.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Lopez arrived at City Hall and joined the meeting while Council was in Executive Session.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Lopez, to come out of Executive Session.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The motion carried and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:47 p.m. CST.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The City Attorney announced that personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session and no official action was taken while in Executive Session.

III. Discussion and/or possible action regarding personnel.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to remove Richard Rose from the City Manager position subject to a public hearing, if he so requests by Friday, April 25, 2014.

Councilmembers Knobloch, LaFontaine, Rech and Mayor Schafer cited the basis for the City Manager's removal was job performance concerns and failure to meet expectations in the general operations of the City.

Councilmembers Lopez shared concerns and disagreement with the City Manager's removal. Councilmember Sislow disagreed with Council's action and possible removal of the City Manager.

Ayes: LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: Lopez and Sislow. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to suspend Richard Rose from the City Manager position immediately with pay until such time as a public hearing, if requested, is conducted regarding his removal and/or said hearing is waived.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: Sislow. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to appoint Richard Sullivan to the position of Acting City Manager for the City of Diamondhead.

Ayes: LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Abstain: Lopez and Sislow.

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Jerry Weber addressed the Council with regards to the POA's application to construct an East Recreational facility. He requested postponement of the application until such time POA officer elections are complete.

Pete Kolf addressed the Council in regards to his agreement with their action to remove the City Manager.

V. Adjourn

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. CST.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor

Kristin Ventura
City Clerk