

**MINUTES**  
**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
Diamondhead, Mississippi  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
October 21, 2014  
6:00 pm CST

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I. Call to Order – Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. CST

1. Invocation – Councilmember Rech
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Rech

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3. Roll Call –

Present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmembers LaFontaine, Knobloch, Sislow and Rech.  
Absent: Councilmember Lopez

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4. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order** – Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to accept the Agenda Order with the following adjustments:

4. **Other Actions**

- g. **2014-3241**: Accept Grant and Agreement from MS Development Authority for Community Development Block Grant Project No. 1131-14-432-PF-01- ADA Improvement to City Hall
  - h. **2014-3242**: Discussion of Parking Ordinances
  - i. **2014-3243**: Discussion and possible action with regard to Fence/Variance Ordinances
- Ayes: LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: Lopez.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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II. **Presentation Agenda**

1. Council Comments
  - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. CST on November 4, 2014 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
  - b. Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Schafer read aloud a Proclamation calling for December 3, 2014 as Arbor Day in the City of Diamondhead. Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, with a unanimous vote taken to proclaim December 3, 2014 Arbor Day in the City of Diamondhead

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2. City Manager’s Report

Sgt. Darrell Hughes provided the police department report in the absence of Capt. Al Hermann. Sgt. Hughes reported the department’s call and response log for the month of September and concluded his report by announcing the humvees will soon be delivered to Port Bienville for painting and decals at no cost to the City.

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3. Public Comments on Agenda Items –

Reid Parker, a resident of The Oaks, shared his concerns about the potential re-zoning and apartment complex rumored for Noma Drive. He relayed specific concerns and ideas with regards to the negative impact such a project would have on The Oaks neighborhood.

Regina Parker, a resident of The Oaks, explained her concerns and how she felt the project would negatively impact the safety and security of the neighborhood. She urged he Mayor and Council to deny the project.

Tom Lange, a resident and President of The Oaks Subdivision Association, shared concerns relating to the project. He said the residents are against such a development and the asked the Mayor and Council to stop the project for the preservation of The Oaks neighborhood.

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**III. Policy Agenda**

1. Approval Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2014.

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the October 7, 2014 Formal Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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2. Ordinances

a. **2014-3239**: Ordinance 2013-036.1 Amending the Meetings of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, MS

Councilmember Knobloch moved, second by LaFontaine, to adopt Ordinance 2013-036.1 Amending the Meetings of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, MS with respect to scheduled meetings that fall on a holiday, therefore calling for said meeting to be held the next day. (RESOLUTION IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND AGE A PART THEREOF.)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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3. Resolutions

a. **2014-3233**: Resolution 2014-113 by the Diamondhead City Council Rescinding the Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition of Surplus Property Via Auction

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to rescind Resolution 2013-070 dated September 17, 2013 and Resolution 2011-089 dated March 5, 2014 declaring surplus property with disposition of such surplus property via auction at Cuevas Auction, LLC. (RESOLUTION IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. **2014-3240:** Resolution 2014-114 Authorizing the rental of the City Hall Activity Center

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to adopt Resolution 2014-114-Authorizing the rental of the City Hall Activity Center thereby authorizing the City Manager to implement any and all policies, fees, procedures and documentation related to the rental and/or use of the Activity Center and to execute any necessary documentation to effectuate the rental and/or use of the subject property.

**(RESOLUTION IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)**

Ayes: LaFontaine, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: Knobloch. Absent: Lopez

**MOTION CARRIED**

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4. Other Actions

- a. **2014-3234:** Adoption Agreement with Jim McAnnif for median adjacent to 85532 Diamondhead Drive West

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the Adoption Agreement with Jim McAnnif to plant 6 azaleas bushes and 1 magnolia tree in the median adjacent to 85532 Diamondhead Drive West

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- b. **2014-3235:** Surplus property designation and transfer of same to Hancock County Board of Supervisor’s Human Resource Agency Program pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to declare surplus personal property and proceed with intergovernmental transfer to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for the Hancock Human Resources Agency all pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25 **(COMPLETE LISTING IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- c. **2014-3236:** Surplus property designation (keyboard, stand, pedal) with authorization for disposition through private sale pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to declare surplus one (1)KORG SP-300 Digital Keyboard with stand and pedal (SN #6012929) and to proceed with disposal through private sale in the amount of \$250.00 to Robert Bradley 7818 Maui Court, Diamondhead pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25

Ayes: LaFontaine, Knobloch, and Sislow. Nays: Mayor Schafer. Abstain: Rech. Absent: Lopez

**\*\*MS Code governing private sales of surplus items requires a unanimous vote\*\***

**MOTION FAILED**

- d. **2014-3237:** Surplus property designation with disposition to be determined pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to declare surplus personal property with disposition of same to be determined pursuant to MS Code §21-17-1 and §17-25-25 (COMPLETE LISTING IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- e. **2014-3238:** Accept proposal from Orion Planning Group to assess, draft amendments and finalize a sign ordinance

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the proposal from Orion Planning Group not to exceed \$2,700 and state-allowed travel expenses to assess, draft amendments and finalize a sign ordinance

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- f. **2014-3241:** Discussion regarding zoning of Noma Drive Project. Mayor Schafer, with confirmation of the City Attorney Tindell, explained that rezoning would be a matter for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked those present for expressing their concerns with regards to the rezoning.

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- g. **2014-3241:** Accept Grant and Agreement from MS Development Authority for Community Development Block Grant Project No. 1131-14-432-PF-01- ADA Improvement to City Hall

Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the grant award, agreement and statements of assurances from the Mississippi Development Authority for the Community Development Block Grant-Project Number 1131-14-432-PF-01 (\$114,878 Federal Share, \$110,000 Local Share) for ADA Improvements to City Hall

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- h. **2014-3242:** Discussion of Parking Ordinances – Councilmember Sislow introduced concerns with the regards to Parking Ordinances. Each Councilmember shared input including residents with multiple vehicles, as well as temporary overflow parking referring to those having college students. Mayor Schafer shared his thoughts regarding nuisance and continuous parking in medians. General consensus of the Council was the current ordinances bare further discussion and possible amendments. It was also suggested consulting the Orion Planning Group for review and potential amendments.

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- i. **2014-3243:** Discussion and possible action with regard to Fence/Variance Ordinances- Councilmember LaFontaine introduced the Fence/Variance Ordinance as a concern. He explained the prohibition of chain link fence does not permit businesses such as daycare centers to meet with State regulations and requirements. City Manager Reed was directed to review the current ordinance, the variance application fees and suggest amendments that would preserve the overall intent of the ordinance but allow more flexibility in the type of fence material allowed for commercial businesses.

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**I. Routine Agenda**

- 1. Docket of Claims (Claim #DKT150924 thru DKT150977)

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to approve the Docket of Claims (Claim #DKT150924 thru DKT150977)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 2. Net Payroll, including benefits and taxes, October 15, 2014 - \$47,586.54
- 3. September 2014 Financials

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**II. Public Comments on Non Agenda Items**

Ed Roundtree addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Cruisin’ the Coast. He shared concerns that failure to provide businesses timely notification of “Blessing of Classics” events was a major inconvenience. He stated doctor’s offices and clinics had to make last-minute cancellations and others businesses were left with no parking for workers and patrons.

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**III. Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. CST.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Thomas E. Schafer, IV  
Mayor

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Kristin Ventura  
City Clerk