



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### Diamondhead, Mississippi

Diamondhead Country Club  
Emerald Ballroom  
January 7, 2013  
6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation**— Mayor Ingraham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**--Councilmember Holcomb
4. **Roll Call**—The following members of Council were present: Mayor Ingraham, Dianne Ackerman, Hank Holcomb, Ernie Knobloch, Ron Rech, Dalton Roberson
5. **Approval of Minutes**—December 3, 2012—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order**—Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to confirm the order of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously and the motion passed.
7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
  - a. City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of the MLK Holiday. The regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 in the Emerald Ball Room of the Diamondhead Country Club.
  - b. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of the President's Day Holiday. The regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Location To Be Determined
  - c. City Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m. February 6, 2013 Location To Be Determined
  - d. State of the City Address, 6 p.m. February 6, 2013 Location To Be Determined
  - e. At the January 17, 2013 Work Session, the Cruisin the Coast Committee will report on their progress to date and will meet with the Cruisin' the Coast Board later that day.
  - f. On January 15, 2013 Community Center there will be a review of the Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update at 11a.m.
  - g. Councilmember Knobloch gave an update on golf cart registration indicating that 452 have registered to date.
8. **Presentations / Appointments**
  - a. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to approve a Resolution to Establish a "Keep Diamondhead Beautiful" Committee and Appoint a Representative to the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to Appoint Paul Montjoy as City Beautification Chairman and Representative to the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. City Manager's Report**

First audit of limited budget will be conducted by Wright Ward Hatten Guild; Mike Guild and Charlene Kerkow. Mike Guild was recognized and gave some history of his company and qualifications.

City Public Works employees began this morning at 6 a.m. Thirteen employees came over from the POA.

Richard Sullivan was hired as Public Works Director last week.

Court is held twice a month. The first is plea date and second is trial date.

**10. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Hancock Bank—Direct Deposit/Electronic Banking
- b. Agreement to Hire Auditor

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (if needed)**

**13. Ordinances and/or Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**14. OLD BUSINESS—** Councilmember Ackerman left the meeting at this 6:36 p.m.

- a. Purchase of City Hall—Presentations and Discussion—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, that the appropriate officials of the City of Diamondhead enter into a lease purchase agreement with the Diamondhead Baptist Church to lease the church for the purpose of using it as a city hall with the option to purchase at a later date.

Presentation—David Hardy of Eley Guild Hardy Architects was recognized and gave an overview of their analysis evaluation of the City's needs and a cost comparison / cost per sq. ft. of the church site as compared to other properties in Diamondhead, which included the barber shop next to the bowling alley, the existing POA offices, and Diamondhead Academy.

Presentation—John Meyers, Appraiser was recognized and reviewed his appraisals of the church in 2009 and in 2012

Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to accept the reports of Eley Guild Hardy Architects and the 2009 and 2012 Appraisals of the property and spread them on the minutes. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Ingraham noted that it is required by law that the city do an appraisal of property before entering into any negotiations.

The City Manager was recognized and addressed Hazard Mitigation Grants that are available to upgrade the building to meet requirements to for a public facility that would enhance the facility and minimize the costs to the citizens.

Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the two documents, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and EGH Hazard Mitigation Additions and Alterations document. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution and Order to Lease/Purchase City Hall—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch to adopt the Resolution and Order to Lease/Purchase of the Diamondhead Baptist Church by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Councilmember Ackerman was not present during this or any other discussion regarding the Lease/Purchase of City Hall.

Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to recess the meeting until 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to resume the meeting and the meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m. All who were present when the meeting recessed were present again. Additionally, Councilmember Ackerman returned to the meeting.

- c. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to Approve the Resolution of the City of Diamondhead Accepting Dedication of and Title to Certain Private Streets, Other Property Interests and Personal Property Belonging to Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners' Association, Inc. Located Within the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to Approve the Order of the Mayor and City Council Accepting Dedication of and Title to Certain Private Streets, Other Property Interests and Personal Property Belonging to Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners' Association, Inc. Located Within the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Deed of Dedication—the Mayor and the President of the POA executed the Deed of Dedication as authorized in the Order approved by Council in Item 14d.
- f. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owner's Association to Adopt the Median on Gex Drive North and South of the Interstate. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Adopt a Right-of-Way Agreement—the Mayor and the President of the POA executed the Right-of-Way Adoption Agreement as provided for in the Resolution as authorized by the Resolution approved by Council in Item 14f.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Fees for Election Documents—Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to adopt the fees for election documents as recommended by the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ackerman left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

- 16. Docket of Claims**— Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to approve the Docket of Claims. The motion carried unanimously.

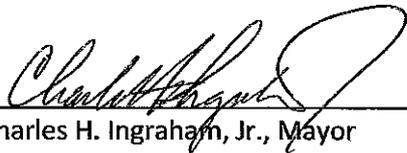
Councilmember Ackerman returned to the meeting at 1:59 p.m., following the vote on the Docket of Claims.

The mayor announced that Councilmember Rech has filed to run for Councilmember for Ward 4; Councilmember Knobloch has filed to run for Councilmember-at-Large; and Mayor Ingraham has filled to run for Mayor.

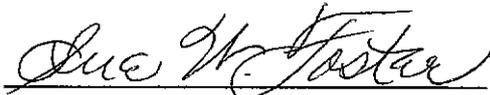
**17. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items**

None

- 18. ADJOURN**—Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor



Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on January 4, 2013.