

MINUTES
The City of Diamondhead
City Council Work Session

February 16, 2012
9:00 A.M.
Garden Room at the Community Center

The City Council of the City of Diamondhead met in a Work Session on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

Present: Mayor Ingraham, Councilmembers Ackerman, Holcomb and Knobloch, City Manager, City Clerk. Absent: Councilmembers Rech and Roberson.

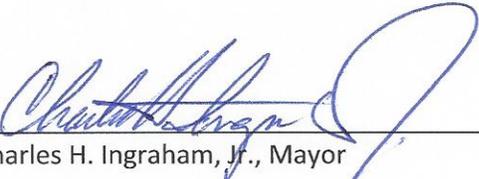
The Mayor gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance and indicated that proper notice was posted for this meeting.

The following items were discussed:

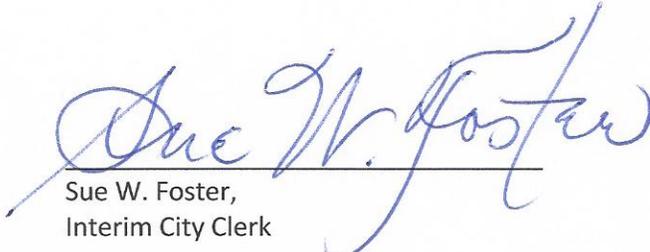
1. Contact with the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) regarding grants. Councilmember Knobloch indicated that there may be grants available for a start-up city. Mayor Ingraham suggested that Joy Foy be contacted.
2. The advantages and disadvantages of using companies to provide services for the City was discussed. Councilmember Knobloch indicated his suggestion of inviting two service-providing companies to give presentations at a Council Work Session.
3. The issue of medians in Diamondhead was discussed, especially vehicles crossing the medians illegally and killing the grass. Councilmember Holcomb indicated that anyone destroying private property is subject to being ticketed by any law enforcement officer, regardless of whether the median is owned by the County, the POA, or the City.
4. An Ordinance relating to the Establishment of a Planning Commission was discussed. It was determined that the Mayor would contact the City Attorney for the status of this ordinance.
5. Process for responding to requests for speakers at community and civic meetings. The Mayor suggested that if more than two councilmembers attend a meeting, The Seacoast Echo should be notified; and the meeting must be open to the public.
6. Update on advertising for Depositories was given by the City Manager.
7. The City Manager discussed his suggestions for Meeting Procedures and Protocol.
8. Resolution to join the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan was moved to the Consent Agenda.

9. Resolution to join the Mississippi Municipal League was moved to the Consent Agenda.
10. Inter-Local Agreement with the Mississippi Municipal Service Corporation was moved to the Consent Agenda.
11. It was noted that training opportunities will be available for the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and City Clerk in June through the Mississippi Municipal League.
12. It was decided that discussion of the Public Records Ordinance will take place in March and further research is needed.
13. A meeting with Demery Grubbs was tentatively scheduled for late March Council Work Session, dependent upon his availability.
14. The issue of County Bill Backs was discussed. It was determined that more information is needed.
15. Procedures for appointment of an Acting City Manager during the absence of the City Manager were discussed.
16. It was suggested that the City Clerk contact the City Clerks in Waveland and Bay St. Louis and arrange to visit those offices.
17. General budget questions were discussed including the purchase of used equipment. Councilmember Knobloch is to visit the State site for surplus equipment in Jackson.
18. The issues of Internet for City Hall and a City website were updated by the City Manager.
19. The handling of a fire insurance rebate was discussed.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and City Council adjourned at 12:14pm.



Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor



Sue W. Foster,
Interim City Clerk

Notice of the meeting was posted at City Hall.