



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Diamondhead, Mississippi

Diamondhead Country Club
April 2, 2012
6:00 pm

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1. **Call to Order**, 6:01pm Mayor Ingraham
 2. **Invocation** Mayor Ingraham
 3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Councilmember Holcomb
 4. **Roll Call** Present: Mayor Ingraham, Dianne Ackerman, Hank Holcomb, Dalton Roberson; Absent: Ernie Knobloch, Ron Rech
 5. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order:** Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the order of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
 6. **Approval of Minutes** –Minutes 03.19.12: Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
 7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
 - a. The Mayor attended the ribbon cutting last week for South Group Insurance Company in Diamondhead.
 - b. The Mayor attended the meeting of the Ocean Springs Rotary Club on March 28, 2012 and was presented with the Key to the City by Ocean Springs Mayor Connie Moran. Mayor Moran also issued a proclamation declaring March 28, 2012 as City of Diamondhead Day in Ocean Springs, which the Mayor read.
 8. **Presentations / Appointments**
 - a. Demery Grubbs of Government Consultants, Inc. spoke to Council and gave his recommendations regarding financial issues facing the City.

PUBLIC HEARING

9. **Proposed Redistrict Plan Presentation—Chris Watson**

Chris Watson, Planning Consultant for the City of Diamondhead, spoke to Council and the Citizens of Diamondhead outlining the proposed Redistricting Plan, the requirements of the State of Mississippi governing the establishment of the districts, and the methodology used to determine the four districts.

Comments and questions were entertained from the following residents:

Emile Buccola inquired as to the source used for the population figures. Mr. Watson indicated that the latest data available was the 2010 census and that redistricting takes place following every census to adjust for the expansion and relocation of the population. Mr. Buccola also inquired as to whether or not property values were taken into consideration when drawing the maps and Mr. Watson indicated that population, not property values, is the determining factor when drawing the voter districts.

Dr. Al Sollod expressed his concern regarding the separation of water-based populations of the City of Diamondhead. Mr. Watson indicated that grouping the water-based populations together would potentially divide more communities and create more confusion.

Mark Duffy conveyed that, in his opinion, the current map was well established and well proportioned.

Louis Fuchs inquired as to whether or not there would be a conflict between the date municipal elections will be held and the date of county elections as recently occurred in Waveland. Mr. Watson assured him that there would not be a conflict as Diamondhead will hold elections in June of 2013.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to direct Bridge & Watson to prepare the necessary Ordinance to accept the plan as outlined. The motion carried unanimously.

10. City Manager's Report:

The City Manager indicated the following to Council:

There has been no change in the three service agreements with the County and the City is still waiting on final County approval on the agreements with the Sheriff's Department, Building Permits/Inspections, and County Roads;

The establishment of an Interim City Office is mostly complete with the exception of obtaining a document safe, answering machine, and other incidentals;

The City has secured a Depository;

Preparation for the first election in June of 2013 is underway with the Public Hearing on the Voting Districts;

Development of the Comprehensive Plan will start with the first meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 5;

The draft Emergency Plan is under review;

Resolutions regarding the Conveyance of the POA Roads, Drainage, and Security are being presented to Council;

Resident Mike Skeen has volunteered to assist with the development of policies and procedures with the proposed City Police force;

Al Hermann was recognized as volunteering to attend council meetings as security.

11. Docket of Claims

None

12. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items Limit of 3 minutes per person

None

CONSENT AGENDA*

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Requesting to Formally Participate in the Hancock County Regional Mitigation Plan (HCRHMP).

Richard Rose, consultant to the City of Diamondhead, explained the Hancock County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the advantages of participating in same. Participation would allow the City to tap into funding from MEMA and FEMA.

Following discussion, Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Diamondhead Authorizing City Officials to Access the City's Safe Deposit Box on Behalf of the City. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman to approve the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA <i>(if needed)</i>
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15. **Ordinances and/or Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda**
None

REGULAR AGENDA

16. **OLD BUSINESS**
None

17. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Approving a General Plan for Conveyance of Private Roads, Streets, Lighting, and Drainage from the POA to the City on January 1, 2013. After explanation by the City Manager, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the resolution as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to Accept Transfer of the Security Function from the POA to the City of Diamondhead. The City Manager indicated that the POA is obligated by an agreement with the Purcell Corporation to ensure that security proposed by the City will be as good as what the POA provides. After discussion, Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson to accept the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ackerman expressed Council's appreciation to Interim City Manager Ramirez and Interim City Clerk Foster for their work as volunteers for the City of Diamondhead.

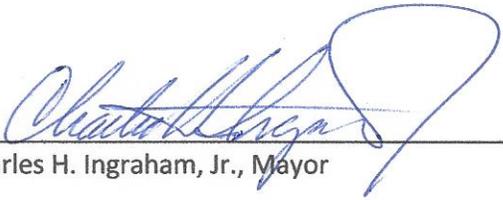
- c. Motion to Accept Form and Advertise Proposed FY2012 Budget.
The Mayor indicated that there were still some questions regarding expected revenues and expenditures and recommended postponing the acceptance of the current proposed FY2012 budget until more definite information is obtained. The City Attorney commented that the City cannot pay

bills until a budget is adopted however, until the City receives an actual bill, interest does not begin to accrue.

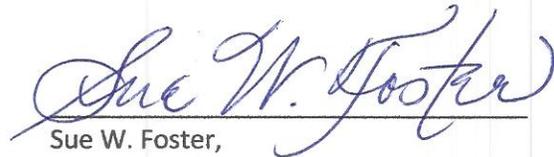
After further discussion, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items Limit of 3 minutes per person
None

19. Motion to Recess—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb to recess the meeting until 8:30am on April 12. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor



Sue W. Foster,
Interim City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on March 30, 2012.

**Consent Agenda – All matters listed on the Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*