MINUTES
RECESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
July 7, 2016
3:00 p.m. CST

I. Call to Order –Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Schafer

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2. Roll Call –
Present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmember, Knobloch, Rech and Sislow present via teleconference. Absent: Lopez and Woolbright.

3. Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order – Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept and approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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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 July 19, 2016 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

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III. FY17 Budget Workshop

City Manager Reed opened the workshop with an overview of FY16 revenue and expense projections. He explained that based on current activity the City will end FY16 well under budget. With department heads present from Public Works, Municipal Court, Building/P&Z as well as the Police Department, the Council began reviewing capital outlay and other departmental requests. Public Works request included the purchase of track hoe with low boy trailer, fork lift, 4WD Tracker, 2 trucks totaling $1.28 million. Discussions centered around the track hoe as a FY16 purchase and the possibility of using unexpended FY16 funds in the public works capital outlay and personnel budget line items. It was advised that consideration be given to include a truck suitable for mobilizing the track hoe.

Considerations for the Municipal Court Department included an additional employee. The Police Department request included 2 new units and 1 additional officer to allow for 3-man shifts and increase protection during the peak hours of 2pm – 2am. City Manager Reed explained the recent research into a bicycle for special detail including the hiking trails soon to begin construction as well during city events such a parades, etc. With an officer already on-staff and trained to conduct bicycle control, there were no objections from Council to proceed with the bicycle purchase.

The Building/P&Z Department request included mapping/plan filing cabinets, additional cell phone and the purchase of a half-ton truck.

Items outlined by Council included drainage and paving projects and that consideration be given to an increase in the compensation for the lowest level public works employee to increase retention in that department. Additional expenses for FY17 consideration also include the 2017 Primary/General Election at an estimated cost of $50,000 as well the Chamber of Commerce Marketing Agreement- $12,000, a request from East Hancock Library -$50,000 and other items for security and beautification totaling $10,250.

The workshop concluded recognizing the need for additional workshops.

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II. Adjourn

At 4:38 p.m. CST Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to adjourn.

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

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Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk