

MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
March 7, 2017
6:00 pm CST

I. Call to Order – Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CST

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

3. Roll Call –
Present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmembers Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow and Rech.
Absent: None.
4. Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order – Mayor Schafer moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to accept and approve the agenda with the following adjustments:

Add:

Resolutions: 3. c. Authorize drafting of a Resolution/Agreement to provide monthly support to Keep Diamondhead Beautiful

Move:

All Consent Agenda Items to Action Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

II. Presentation Agenda

1. Council Comments
 - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. CST on March 21, 2017 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
 - b. Courtney Thomas, Hancock County Library System Director provided an update on the East Hancock Elementary Library. Thomas furnished a listing of books and materials purchased for the Library totaling more than \$19,000.00. She explained that 53% of the book budget has been expended and that the meeting room at the library was now open.

2. City Manager's Report

East Aloha Extension:

With the paint still drying the East Aloha Extension Road was opened up as scheduled on February 24th. Early that same day the grant monitor from the Mississippi Development Authority audited the grant and the City received a clear audit and will be receiving the closeout letter soon. The letter from the Mississippi Development Authority will be made a part of these minutes.

Public Works:

Congratulations to the men and women of our Public Works department, their quick action in cleaning up after the Mardi Gras parade has drawn praise from local residents. We are expecting the new dump truck any day which will complete the equipment needed to allow our crews to take on larger infrastructure jobs such as the upcoming drainage work on Live Oak Drive Phase II.

Transportation Improvement Projects:

The MPO of the GRPC approved all three projects that were submitted on February 23rd. Those projects include the improvements to East Aloha Dr., Golf Club Dr. sidewalks and multi-use path for Noma Dr. All three projects are scheduled for next fiscal year. We are only requesting activation on the East Aloha Dr. and Golf Club Dr. projects at this point.

AASHTO and Congressional visits:

Thank you for allowing me to attend the Washington, D.C. briefing of the State Highway and Transportation Officials. It was an eye opener to hear about the impending insolvency of the National Highway Trust Fund in 2020 and the efforts underway to develop alternative revenue sources to maintain the nation’s transportation infrastructure. One proposal being pushed by the ranking Democrat on the Senate Transportation Committee is to enact a federal ad valorem or property tax to fund the highway trust fund. As we all know the ad valorem tax is the major source of revenue to local government in Mississippi to fund and maintain rural roads and bridges. On a positive note, limited earmarks are being discussed again among both House and Senate members. That could be a positive development for Mississippi as Senator Cochran now is the Chairman of Appropriations.

Dog Show:

The Diamondhead’s Lion’s Club will hold a Dog Show on April 29, 2017 from 9:00 – 2:00 at Twin Lakes Pavilion. The event will raise funds for the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items –

Brenda Randolph addressed the Council regarding the Bayou Drive Kayak Launch and stated that she 100% against the project. She shared concern with regard to off-road vehicle traffic, disturbance of wildlife and preservation of the erosion pits that assist with storm water run off near her home.

Shari Miller and Terry King- Miller asked for a moment of silence for all those affected by the train and passenger bus collision occurring earlier today in Biloxi. Miller introduced Terry King as a professional in the environmental field for the

past 10 years and also a Diamondhead resident. Miller and King provided a power point presentation regarding the drainage basin near Miller's property. King suggested the basin has been neglected over the years. He suggested the city obtain rights of entry from the multiple property owners involved and remove debris and overgrowth inhibiting water flow to and through the drainage outlet under Interstate 10.

Eddy Lee addressed the council regarding signs posted in the business area. Lee suggested the sign ordinance be reviewed and enforced to address non-conforming signs in the business area.

Robert Harko spoke to the council regarding the parking in the median. Harko, a resident of The Oaks, expressed his concerns would like an ordinance adopted and enforced.

III. Policy Agenda.

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. February 21, 2017 Formal Meeting

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Formal Meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Action Agenda:

- a. **2017-124**: Motion to approve Budget Amendment 2017-110-2 reallocating court bailiff funds from salaries to contracted services.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, to approve Budget Amendment 2017-110-2 reallocating court bailiff funds from salaries to contracted services.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. **2017-125:** Motion to accept and award the low bid received from Morreale Construction in the amount of \$259,950.00 for the Kome Drive Drainage Project.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve accept and award the low bid received from Morreale Construction in the amount of \$259,950.00 for the Kome Drive Drainage Project. Bids were received as follows:

Morreale Construction	\$259,950.00
Twin L. Construction, Inc.	\$261,850.00
JLB Contractors	\$499,100.00
Moran Hauling, Inc.	\$540,585.50
Smith Contracting Co. LLC	\$756,361.00

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. **2017-128:** Motion to approve Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$7,655.76 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$7,655.76 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- d. **2017-129:** Motion to approve Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$3,118.00 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the construction of East Aloha Road Extension.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$3,118.00 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the construction of East Aloha Road Extension.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. **2017-130:** Motion to approve Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$920.50 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$920.50 to Mississippi Engineering and Development for professional services in relation to the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- f. **2017-131:** Motion to set public meeting for all grant projects to be held March 20, 2017 from 4-7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to set public meeting for all grant projects to be held March 20, 2017 from 4-7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- g. **2017-132:** Motion to accept and enter into agreement with Election Systems & Software for the 2017 Municipal Elections.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, Motion to accept and enter into agreement with Election Systems & Software for the 2017 Municipal Elections.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- h. **2017-135:** Motion to approve Pay Request #7 to Twin L. Construction in the amount of \$17,404.00 for the East Aloha Drive Extension.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve Pay Request #7 to Twin L. Construction in the amount of \$17,404.00 for the East Aloha Drive Extension.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- i. **2017-136:** Motion to approve Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$18,593.02 to Twin L. Construction for the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail Project.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve Pay Request #3 to Twin L. Construction in the amount \$18,593.02 for the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail Project

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- j. **2017-137:** Motion to host CASA’s Light of Hope Child Abuse Awareness Ceremony on the Town Green on April 6, 2017 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve host CASA’s Light of Hope Child Abuse Awareness Ceremony on the Town Green on April 6, 2017 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Resolutions:

- a. **2017-126:** Resolution 2017-010 Stating the Intent to Activate Funding for TAP Grant for East Aloha Drive Shoulder Widening Project and for other purposes related thereto.

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to adopt Resolution 2017-010 Stating the Intent to Activate Funding for TAP Grant for East Aloha Drive Shoulder Widening Project and for other purposes related thereto.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

- b. **2017-127:** Resolution 2017-011 Stating the Intent to Activate Funding for TAP Grant for Golf Club Drive Sidewalks Project and for other purposes related thereto.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch to adopt Resolution 2017-011 Stating the Intent to Activate Funding for TAP Grant for Golf Club Drive Sidewalks Project and for other purposes related thereto and not to expend any funds related to this project contingent upon approved engineering plans for the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Motion to authorize the City Manager to draft and propose an agreement between the City and Keep Diamondhead Beautiful for consideration to allow for monthly support to Keep Diamondhead Beautiful.

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to authorize the City Manager to draft and propose an agreement between the City and Keep Diamondhead Beautiful allowing monthly support to Keep Diamondhead Beautiful efforts.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Action Agenda:

- a. **2017-119:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for East Aloha Drive Turning Lanes Project.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, to approve to advertise for bids for East Aloha Drive Turning Lanes Project.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech and Sislow. Nays: Depreo and Mayor Schafer.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. **2017-133:** Discussion/possible action regarding drainage basin (Diamondhead Dr. East - -Miller property).

Mayor Schafer moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to authorize the City Manager to retain a surveyor and engineers necessary to determine property ownership of the subject drainage basin bordering the Miller property and for the creation of an operational plan for the basin.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. **2017-134:** Motion to advertise for bids for the Rotten Bayou Enhancement Hiking/Biking Trail and Kayak Launches.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- d. Motion for discussion/possible action regarding complaint filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission Open Meetings Complaint No. M-17-002.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, to approve to send the response prepared by legal with regard to correspondence received from the Mississippi Ethics Commission Notice of Open Meetings Complaint No. M-17-002.

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech and Sislow. Nays: None. Abstain: Depreo and Mayor Schafer.

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Routine Agenda.

- 1. Motion to approve March 1, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes in the amount of \$56,777.69.
- 2. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims– DKT153348– DKT153400).

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve the March 1, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes in the amount of \$56,777.69 and the Docket of Claims (Claims DKT153348– DKT153400) revising Claim DKT153397 to reflect the corrected amount of \$18,593.02

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Depreo recused herself and exited Council Chambers at this time.

- 3. Motion to approve Payable Register APPKT00603.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve Payable Register APPKT00603 (DKT153401).

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Recused: Depreo.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items –

Eddy Lee addressed the council regarding signs posted in the business area. Lee suggested the sign ordinance be reviewed and enforced to address non-conforming signs in the business area including private for sale and rental signs.


Robert Harko spoke to the council regarding the parking in the median. Harko, a resident of The Oaks, expressed his concerns and urged the Council to adopt a Parking Ordinance prohibiting parking in public right of ways.

VII. Adjourn/Recess

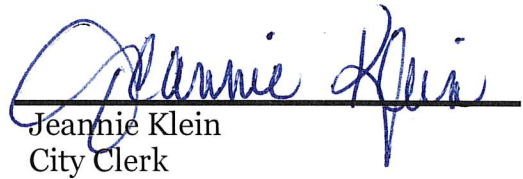
At 7:25 p.m. CST and with no further business to come before the Council,
Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to adjourn.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Jeannie Klein
City Clerk