

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
Diamondhead, Mississippi  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
May 17, 2017  
6:00 PM CST**

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**On motion of Councilmember Sislow, seconded by Councilmember Rech, at its Special Call Meeting on May 9, 2017 and receiving a unanimous vote, this Special Call Meeting was called for matters that would have been considered at the May 16, 2017 Formal Meeting cancelled due to the Primary Election Run-off.**

**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, Knobloch and Rech. Absent: Woolbright and Sislow.
4. Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order – Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to accept and approve the agenda as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**II. Presentation Agenda**

1. Announcements.
  - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. CST on June 6, 2017 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
  - b. City Hall will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.
  - c. Mr. Jerry Peppenger, Vietnam War Moveable Wall. Mr. Peppenger was not present.
2. City Manager's Report.

City Manager Reed was not present. The monthly report for the Police Department was provided to the Council.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items:  
Robert Harko addressed the Council with regards to payments to the contractor for the City Hall Fitness Trail. Harko expressed concerns with regard to unregistered contractor vehicles at the site.

Terry King addressed the Council with regard to the payment on the docket for the cost associated with printing of grant brochures. King requested the council ask for investigation and check into improprieties with the mailing.

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**III. Policy Agenda.**

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. May 2, 2017 Formal Meeting

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Formal Meeting.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- b. May 9, 2017 Special Call Meeting

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Special Call Meeting.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 2. Appointments and Oaths:
  - a. Motion to appoint Tammy Garber to the position of Interim Treasurer effective immediately.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to appoint Tammy Garber to the position of Interim Treasurer effective immediately.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 3. Action Agenda:
  - a. **2017-176:** Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to Twin L. Construction in the amount of \$39,716.79 for construction of the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Rech, moved seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve Payment No. 5 to Twin L. Construction in the amount of \$39,716.79 for construction of the City Hall Exercise Fitness Trail.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- b. **2017-181**: Motion to accept and approve engagement letter from AVL for the FY16 Audit.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the FY16 Audit engagement letter with AVL per contract in the amount of \$34,145.00 and \$4,720.00 1<sup>st</sup> major program for a total of \$38,864.00.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- c. **2017-182**: Motion to approve a variance to the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.18.3 D. ii(f) in the matter of Case File 201700101 to allow an accessory structure to be 5' from both the rear property line and principle building. (Arceneaux)

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve a variance to the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.18.3 D. ii(f) in the matter of Case File 201700101 to allow an accessory structure to be 5' from both the rear property line and principle building. (Arceneaux)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- d. **2017-183**: Motion to approve a variance to the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.18.3 D. ii (h) to allow two (2) accessory structures on a property. (Buckley)

Councilmember Rech moved to approve a variance to the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.18.3 D. ii (h) to allow two (2) accessory structures on a property. (Buckley)

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND**

- e. **2017-184:** Motion to approve Final Payment in the amount of \$11,294.70 to Twin L. Construction for the City Hall Fitness Trail Project.

Councilmember Knobloch moved and after discussion withdrew his motion.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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- f. **2017-187:** Motion to approve compensation for poll workers and poll manager training for the 2017 Primary Run-off Election.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to approve compensation as follows for the poll workers and poll manager training for the 2017 Primary Run-off Election:

Poll Workers \$125.00 each:

Mary Alice Sierveld                      Sandra Anderson                      1 additional to be determined

Special Training for Poll Managers \$25.00 each:

Lola Mullinix                      Sara Schulze                      Ken Petrucellie                      Marcella Sue Favre

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

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- g. **2017-188:** Motion to accept the resignation of Clovis Reed, City Manager, effective June 30, 2017.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to accept the resignation of Clovis Reed as City Manager effective June 30, 2107.

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

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- h. **2017-190** Discussion of City Property and Brochures.  
 Discussion was held regarding city-purchased brochures and the mailing thereof. Councilmember Depreo explained that the cost to produce, print and mail the brochures was about \$13,000 and that she previously voted against the project questioning political motivation. She felt the brochures should have been used at the welcome centers and included in relocate packets for potential residents. She further explained that a resolution of the Council was passed approving the mailing of the

brochures along with the Diamondhead Water & Sewer monthly billings at the agreed amount of .03 cents each and that was not followed.

- i. **2017-191:** Discussion of personnel matters related to the City Manager's Resignation.
- j. **2017-192:** Discussion of appointment of Interim City Manager.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech to appoint Tindell, Estes, Symmes and Cusick to fulfill the duties of City Manager during the absence of the City Manager.

Mayor Schafer and Councilmember Depreo expressed opposition to placing the legal team in charge of the day-to-day operations of the City.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

**MOTION FAILED**

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded Mayor Schafer to appoint Richard Sullivan as Interim City Manager.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- k. Discussion of approval Advertising for City Manager Position.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech to approve to advertise for the position of City Manager.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**IV. Routine Agenda.**

1. Motion to approve April 26, 2017 and Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes, for a total amount of \$52,124.07, May 1, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes for a total of \$3,511.05 and May 10, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes for a total of 51,366.45.
2. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims– DKT153595– DKT153662).
3. April 2017 Financials.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch to approve April 26, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes, for a total amount of \$52,124.07, May 1, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes for a total of \$3,511.05 and May 10, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes for a total of 51,366.45, to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims– DKT153595-DKT153662) excluding DKT153656 to Twin L. Construction and April 2017 Financials.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**V. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (Limit 3 minutes each)**

Don Creder addressed the Council with regard to revising the salary range for the City Manager. He suggested the Council consider revisiting the salary when appointing a new City Manager giving consideration to a salary more in line with the size and services provided by the City.

Gordon Walker addressed the Council regarding the structure of the agenda.

**VI. Adjourn/Recess**

At 6:55 p.m. CST and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to adjourn.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Thomas E. Schafer, IV  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk