

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 11, 2018
6:00 pm CST**

Mayor Schafer on April 6, 2018 called a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held April 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a workshop for discussion the 5 -year outlook as is relates to the Fire Department, Police Department, Diamondhead Water & Sewerage and Property Owner's Association and further to discuss the impact of a municipal incorporation with and without a Resort, Gaming, Hotel, Convention development and discussion of HCR85 (2018) impact on the city.

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

1. Roll Call –

Present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmembers Depreo, Moran and Morgan; Koenenn and L'Ecuyer. Absent: None.

II. Council Workshop

Councilmember L'Ecuyer noted this series of workshops to analyze data and to come to conclusions as to what is best for the citizens. Using studies provided by other entities and forming a qualified team or committee to would help with the process. Councilmember Morgan stated that she felt it is appropriate to begin having the workshop since many of the matter would take to time to work on. Councilmember Koenenn agreeing that the numbers and statistics are vital and legal advice would be essential to the consolidation of services. He stressed the need for strong ideas with regard to each of the services and amenities provided to the citizens.

Mayor Schafer explained the workshop would be a brainstorming session and that no official action would be taken at tonight's meeting.

City Manager Reso provided the presentation outlining the purpose of the meeting. Discussions were included as follows:

Fire Department

Options to Consider:

- 1) Maintain current stand- alone status
- 2) Consolidate with the City
- 3) Consolidate with the County

Notes:

- 1) PERS
- 2) Additional millage or fees
- 3) Fee for use

Marsha Daigle – Asked if the city had the attrition schedule for when POA dues would gradually end

Mr. Hightower- Thanked the Council for the informative meeting; asked the Council to study crime and prostitution statistics and treatment addiction associated with casinos and finally stated efforts should focus on high-tech industry to the City that would produce higher paying jobs

Ernie Knobloch – water & sewer district should move to City Hall; DWSD has list of property owner’s unlike the City; City should wait on any discussion/actions regarding the POA until after the associations elections; keep the interlocal for the police department; and final a casino was not taken into considered in the incorporation

Gordon Walker – Police Department – cost effectiveness; fire department related actions should consider any changes to the city’s current fire ratings and POA related matters should consider the current standard of amenities

Robert Redd – Fire Department is under-funded, should consider a per use fee


Councilmember L’Ecuyer suggested that studies and agenda advertisements moving forward be posted to the City’s website.

V. Adjourn.

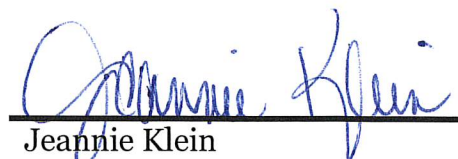
At 7:15 p.m. CST and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, to adjourn.

Ayes: Depreo, Moran, Morgan, Koenenn, L’Ecuyer and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.
Absent: None.

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Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Jeannie Klein
City Clerk