

DIAMOND CITY BUDGET MEETING AGENDA
January 16, 2018 6:00 p.m.
DIAMOND CITY COMMUNITY CENTER
232 GRAND AVE, DIAMOND CITY, AR 72644

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hudson (Please silence all cell phones)
2. Roll Call: Tina Jackson, City Recorder
3. Approve Agenda
4. 2018 Budget Approval
5. Adjourn

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**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF THE DIAMOND CITY CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2018 6:00 P.M.
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Call to order: Mayor Jan Hudson, meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call:	Gina Whited	Present
	Don Bennett	Absent
	Larry Brown	Absent
	Jacob Powell	Present
	Jim Wisnieski	Present
	Ward3 Position1	Vacant

Approval of the Agenda: Jim Wisnieski made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Jacob Powell. All present voted yes by voice vote. Motion passed.

BUDGET:

Mayor stated they were starting with General Fund account. Ed Zehr explained how he came up with the numbers. He took a 3 year analysis on a 3 year trend. He used analysis of what the prediction would be month by month and by account.

Randy Center was in the audience and questioned the budget because it only reflected \$4,200.00 for the Community Center. Mayor Hudson stated that they were funding Parks and Rec. would be the same amount of money. She stated that there would be no difference other than moving one to the other. Mayor Hudson ask the Council to read the letter that what was provided.

Police Department: Mayor Jan Hudson asked the Council to review the documents given regarding Mark Rice's combination of job positions. Mark would be part time officer, code enforcement officer and building inspector. Mayor Hudson stated the previous building inspector generated approximately \$2,500.00. Jacob recommended \$14 - \$15 per hour as patrol officer and more for building inspector. Mayor Hudson stated that Mark Rice can only work 20 hrs per week. Mayor Hudson stated that they try to do the 3% increase for everyone. Recommendation was given that Mark Rice needed to take classes to become certified for the building inspector position. Ed Zehr stated he wanted them to keep in mind, that bottom line, before adjustment of positive operating results of \$5,000.00.

Jacob Powell recommended to "shave" attorney fees and to not subject the city to litigation. Jacob also recommended that Chris Patrick, Chief of Police take on line classes for domestic violence training and racial profile training. Discussion was made that one of the current Police Department vehicles, Dodge Durango, would soon need to be replaced.

Sewer Department: Mayor commented that they were looking for someone to build grinder pumps.

Sugarloaf Wastewater: Mayor Hudson stated that \$17,000 will have to be passed on to the customers and that Diamond City does not have equal votes by the Sugarloaf Wastewater Board. Mayor Hudson spoke about the rate increase and how it will affect the citizens of Diamond City. She recommended that a Town Hall meeting be called before the rate increase went into effect.

Street Department: Jim Wisnieski commented that the FEMA money received was stand alone money that has been spent on gravel already.

Water Department: Jacob commented that Ozark Regional Water is in good shape financially. Discussion was made regarding the contract and that Diamond City was on a 30 or 40 year contract and Diamond City pays ORWA \$78,000 per year. Jacob also requested to try to renegotiate contract.


Jim Wisnieski made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jacob Powell. All voice voted yes and meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Tina Jackson, City Recorder

APPROVED:



Jan Hudson, Mayor
Tina Jackson /
acting
Mayor