



Commissioner Bennett  
Commissioner Brewer  
Commissioner Debrow  
Commissioner Flowers  
Commissioner Harwood  
Commissioner Layel  
Commissioner Nicaud

## MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:00 PM CST

Council Chambers, City Hall  
and via teleconference, if necessary

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### Call to Order

Chairman Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### Statement of Purpose

1. May our decisions today be made with wisdom, careful deliberation and in the best interest of the City of Diamondhead. May we display patience and kindness in our dealings with each other and all who are in attendance and may any decisions made today promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Diamondhead and the enhancement of the City as a whole.

Commissioner Brewer read the Statement of Purpose.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Nicaud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Present at the meeting were: Commissioners Brewer, Layel, Nicaud, Harwood, and Chairman Flowers.

Absent were: Commissioners Debrow, and Bennett

Also present were: City Attorney, Derek Cusick, Building Official, Ronald Jones, Development Coordinator, Pat Rich, Building Inspector, Beau King, and Minute Clerk, Tammy Braud.

### Confirmation or Adjustments to Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Nicaud, second by Commissioner Brewer to accept the Agenda as presented.

### Motion Passed Unanimously

### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 28, 2023 minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Layel, second by Commissioner Harwood to accept the Minutes of February 28, 2023.

### Motion Passed Unanimously

### New Business

2. Phil Latapie is appealing the Building Official's decision of a violation of the Zoning Ordinance Article 14. Land Alterations and Disturbances at property located on 98190 Golf Club Drive owned by Mr. Latapie. The parcel number is 067G-2-25-024.000.

Development Coordinator, Pat Rich presented the case to Commissioners.

Chairman Flowers asked if anyone was present to speak on the case. Phil Latapie's name was called out 3 times , no one was present.

Development Coordinator, Pat Rich read the staff report recommending to deny the appeal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brewer, second by Commissioner Layel to deny the appeal.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING** concerning revising Article 11 - Tree Ordinance.

Development Coordinator, Pat Rich spoke to the Commissioners about the City Council suggesting the strengthening and enforcing of the Tree Ordinance.

Chairman Flowers asked for Pubic Comments.

Penny Crawford, Piji White, and Von Biggs gave ideas on the Ordinance

1. Replacement of trees.
2. Stop violations
3. Better enforcement.
4. Increase Penalties
5. Living Tree Legacy
6. Engineer / Arborist Monitor
7. Requirements

**4. Motion to approve a public hearing to discuss revising Article 9. - Fences, to add to 9.8.C "If fences installed by the property owner in the easement must be removed by the city to service the drainage system, the cost of removal and/or replacement shall be the responsibility of the property owner."**

Motion was made by Commissioner Brewer, second by Commissioner Layel to have a public meeting on the Fence Ordinance

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Open Public Comments to Non-Agenda Items**

None

**Commissioners' Comments**

**Communication / Announcements**

5. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

**Adjourn or Recess**

Motion was made by Commissioner Harwood, second by Commissioner Nicaud to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p. m.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**