

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS REGULAR SESSION
MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 5:15PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL CHAMBERS

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor John McClain, Councilmember Don Hendrick, Daniel Lopez and Charles Moses, Sr.

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey and Councilmembers Tom Farley

STAFF PRESENT

City Secretary Melissa McCall, Staff Accountant Sam Durham, Police Chief Steve Baker and Assistant Police Chief Norman Williams.

Mayor McClain called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and Reverend Kenny Hibbs of Diboll First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance, led by Mayor McClain.

Item #1: Discuss and consider taking action to consider appointing Benita Sheffield Duffield, who currently resides at 1190 Maynard Street, to fill the District 3 position vacancy on the Diboll City Council. Mrs. Duffield grew up in Diboll and has resided here for the past six (6) years.

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve and Daniel Lopez second.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

- a. Melissa McCall, City Secretary, swore in of newly appointed council member, Benita Sheffield, Duffield.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

Citizen Presentation by Sandra Pouland – Mrs. Pouland presented a PowerPoint presentation of pictures she's taken around Diboll, with matters of which she would like to present to council and voice her concerns. See attached pictures and written presentation.

Item #2 Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Consider approving the following reports:

- a. Minutes from July 09, 2019 City Council Regular Session Meeting
- b. Financial Report for July 2019

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve and Don Hendrick second.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #3: Discuss and consider taking action to adopt Ordinance 2019-08-001 to approve a revised boundary map for the City of Diboll.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve and Don Hendrick second.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.


Item #4: CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Department Report – Gary Jones, Fire Chief
- Police Department Report – Steve Baker, Police Chief
- Street Department Report – Grady Courtney, Department Head
- Water Department Report – Robby Roberts, Department Head
- Wastewater Department Report – Bridget Sarver, Department Head
- Parks Department Report – Patrick Miller, Department Head
- Lottie & Arthur Temple Civic Center - Loretta Christmas, Civic Center Director
- Finance & Court – Sam Durham, Staff Accountant
- City Manager, Gerry Boren

Adjournment

Don Hendrick made the motion to adjourn at 5:31 PM and Charles Moses, Sr. second.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.



Lewis Ivey, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST BY:



Melissa McCall, City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS §
ANGELINA COUNTY §
CITY OF DIBOLL §

MAKE DIBOLL CLEAN AGAIN

Because I know God created this earth and created man to enjoy and maintain it; it is my prayer that each of you will receive this statement in the kind and compassionate way I intended. I have named my challenge "LET'S MAKE DIBOLL CLEAN AGAIN"

Begin photos....I and many others have a deep concern about Diboll and its present condition. These photos were taken on less than 20 of our streets and they are not intended to point a finger at the property owner but to show the declining appearance of Diboll overall. What you are seeing is reality and reflects the seriousness of lack of pride, neglect and decline within our city. The focus in these photos is mainly abandoned cars and cluttered front yards.

First impressions are very important. When people drive through Diboll they see a median that has deteriorated. Although there has been recent shaping of the shrubs, many of the trees, shrubs, grass, weeds all need attention and the poor pitiful Crepe Myrtles need replacing. To have a city-owned street sweeper and keep all our curbs clean would be a dream.

I know the median can be improved because of the way the city cares for Old Orchard Park—it is beautiful and consistently maintained for those of us who see it. People traveling Highway 59 don't get to see this part of Diboll. They see our median.

I can read your minds and all I see is \$\$ signs. Do you remember Baltimore Maryland was recently in the news with the despairing housing condition of their city? From the news, fake or not, I understand that city had received \$3.2 billion in grants. Obviously, money didn't fix their problems. Although money certainly helps, I believe most of our problems can be fixed with ordinances that are enforced. I truly believe a task force made up of interested volunteers and council members working together can find ways to instill pride in home ownership and neighborhoods to MAKE DIBOLL CLEAN AGAIN!!

Landra Seuland
August 13, 2019