

SPECIAL ELECTION

On December 5, 2023, Councilmember Chuck Clark -Ward 4 resigned his position to fulfill obligations as Hancock County Board of Supervisor District 3 Elect thereby resulting in a Ward 4 City Council vacancy and necessitating the need to hold a Special Municipal Election of the Ward 4 residents to fill said vacancy in Ward 4;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED THAT:

The Ward 4 City Council is vacant and pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 23-15-857, on January 30, 2024, a special municipal election is hereby ordered to be held Ward 4 in the City of Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi, for the purpose of electing a qualified candidate to fill the position Ward 4 Councilmember for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

Candidates for the office of Ward 4 Councilmember are required by law to qualify by 5:00 p.m. at least twenty (20) days (January 10, 2024) prior to the set date for the said election. Each candidate shall qualify by Petition filed with City Clerk, which Petition shall be signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of City of Diamondhead, Mississippi Ward 4. No qualifying fee shall be required of any candidate.

If no candidate of the City of Diamondhead in said special election receives a majority of the votes cast therein, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for a run-off election to be held three (3) weeks thereafter on February 20, 2024.

So, **RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DIRECTED** by the City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi that Ward 4 City Council is vacant and a special election of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi Ward 4 shall be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and was adopted on 19th December 2023 by the following roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	
Mayor Depreo	_____	_____	_____	
Councilmember Finley	_____	_____	_____	
Councilmember Liese	_____	_____	_____	seal
Ward 3 Cumberland	_____	_____	_____	
Ward 4 Vacant	_____	_____	_____	
Councilmember Maher	_____	_____	_____	

Mayor Nancy C. Depreo,

Attest: _____
Jeannie Klein, City Clerk