



Commissioner Brewer
Commissioner Lawson
Commissioner Parrish
Commissioner Peters
Commissioner Raymond
Commissioner Sutherland
Commissioner White

MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

6:00 PM CST

Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order

Commissioner Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 White read the Statement of Purpose.

Pledge of Allegiance

All Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner William Parrish
Commissioner Kurt Raymond
Commissioner Diana Sutherland
Commissioner Renee Lawson
Commissioner Michael White

ABSENT

Commissioner Gene Peters
Commissioner Scott Brewer

Confirmation or Adjustments to Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Parrish, Seconded by Commissioner White to confirm agenda.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Sutherland, Commissioner White

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 28, 2026 minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner White, Seconded by Commissioner Sutherland to approve July 28, 2026 minutes.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Sutherland, Commissioner White

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Architectural Review

None

New Business

2. Kirk and Darla Hartsell have filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a covered patio within 18' of a rear property line. The property address is 756 Cherryhill Drive. The tax parcel number is 067P-0-35-055.000. The property is in a R-10 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 2'. The Case File Number is 202600579.

Beau King, Building Official, explained the request and answered questions from Commissioners.

Derek Cusick, City Attorney, explained that questions about the request were received, but no opposition.

Motion made by Commissioner Parrish, Seconded by Commissioner White to accept the recommendation of the Building Official and to approve the recommendation to the City Council.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Sutherland, Commissioner White

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Greenscape Brothers Inc., represented by Kirk Edrington, on behalf of Nathan Hopper, has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a covered patio within 15' of a rear property line. The property address is 646 Apelehama Court. The tax parcel number is 132A-1-03-010.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 5'. The Case File Number is 202600586.

Beau King, Building Official, explained the request and answered questions from Commissioners.

Derek Cusick, City Attorney, explained that questions about the request were received, but no opposition.

Motion made by Commissioner Parrish, Seconded by Commissioner Lawson to accept the recommendation of the Building Official and to approve the recommendation to the City Council.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Sutherland, Commissioner White

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Article 7. The proposed text amendments would be regarding development permits, land clearing, and trees. The Case File Number is 202600595.

Commissioner Raymond opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

No public comments were received and the public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Beau King, Building Official, explained possible text amendments to tree replacement and permit expirations.

Commissioner Parrish asked questions about penalties and timelines of permits.

Commissioner Lawson asked about permit requirements for utility construction.

Derek Cusick, City Attorney, answered the commissioners questions.

No action taken.

5. Discussion of potential future rezoning.

Derek Cusick, City Attorney, explained potential future rezonings that will be on the agenda of the September Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

No action taken.

Unfinished Business

None

Open Public Comments to Non-Agenda Items

None

Commissioners' Comments

None

Communication / Announcements

6. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 1, 2026

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Adjourn or Recess

Motion made by Commissioner Parrish, Seconded by Commissioner Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m..

Voting Yea: Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Sutherland, Commissioner White

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY