



Town of Blades  
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May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman BJ Hardin, Councilwoman Christena King, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, motion to accept in written form from Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilwoman King; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report-submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Earl Chaffinch, Sr.

BEDCO-submitted by Spuck Bennett; read by Councilman BJ Hardin

P&Z-No meeting in May.

Unfinished Business:

- Housing/Code-Code Enforcement report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by BJ Hardin.
  - Mayor requested that Commissioner Hardin pass on to Marcus that he is doing a “bang up job”.
- Water report-submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Bob Atkinson.
  - Brandon Slater was nominated for water operator of the year; ceremony was held at DelTech; with honors given to him from the House of Representatives and the State Senate.
- Streets- No written report submitted. Commissioner Joseph appreciated the support and condolences received from the town and the mayor and council;
- Parks & Cemetery-No report at this time.
- Police Report-Commissioner Chaffinch reported additional information from the written report submitted by Chief Cooke.
- Mayor's Report- submitted in writing.

New Business:

Presentation from SADD from Seaford High School for sponsoring reflectors on the stop signs and for adopting a fire hydrant. Reflectors are \$35.00 and will be place on the sign post from bottom at the ground to below the stop sign. The fire hydrants will be \$25.00 per hydrant and an application and approval process for the artwork will have to go through the town and the fire company. Motion to allow the reflectors and the hydrant sponsoring and adopting to move



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forward by Commission Chaffinch; seconded by Councilwoman King; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Joseph received 2 quotes for the 10 patches needed throughout town.

Rocky Harrison \$2400.00  
Schrock & Sons \$2200.00

Motion to approve the patch work to be completed by Schrock & Sons by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed unanimously.

Notice: Work to be started on the ditch on W Second; still need to approve the work to be completed on E Second Street.

New Backhoe has a revised bid of \$400 more; now \$36,600. Councilman Joseph stated his unhappiness with the situation about approving this purchase. No vote taken; no funds for this project at this time.

Workshop scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm. Agenda: Backhoe, Backwash System, Water Ordinance 411 rough draft, speed bumps/humps/dips, road patches, well loan, energy grant, Jorge property, Bike Registration.

No negotiations will be entertained regarding the Tull/Ramey "Baby Bird LLC" property on Concord Road; as stated by council.

Presentation of plaque and cake to Corporal Nigel Golding; unfortunately Corporal Golding was out on a call. Plaque was shown to the citizens and words of appreciation were said from the Mayor and Commissioner. Corporal Golding is being deployed to Afghanistan for 12 months and all of our prayers are with him.

Good of the Community:

Mary Ruff from 209 S Market spoke of her concerns for the violence going on throughout town. There was a man who was assaulted that she had to assist in her front yard. She stated that she didn't feel safe at all. Jennifer Ruff Scott spoke that she didn't feel safe and that the town needs 24 hour coverage. Chief Cooke spoke that the officers were on duty they were at the hospital taking statements, that this is all drug related and the Mayor spoke that schedules will be reviewed, that the town can't provide 24 hour coverage but will review scheduling to see if there are some changes that can be made.

Mary also stated that the bushes are blocking view at the corner of Fifth Street and Cannon. Complaint will be drafted and given to Marcus on Tuesday morning.



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Motion to adjourn by Councilman Chaffinch, Mayor closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator