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APPROVED

January 9th, 2012
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

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

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

Minutes from December 19th, 2011; motion by Councilman Joseph to accept the minutes in written form; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.

Police Report - submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

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

P&Z – No meeting held in January. Commissioner Hardin stated that workshops to discuss the Concord Road water & sewer project with annexation will soon begin.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
Question: What is billed vs. what is pumped? What is the amount of homes disconnected vs. amount of homes without occupancy? Couldn't provide these numbers at this time but Commissioner will look in to.
- Streets – No written report submitted at this time. Maintaining three (3) projects: E Third Street, E Sixth Street (waiting on DelDOT contract confirmations), pricing for a new backhoe. Concrete barrier posts have been installed at the speed humps in Little Meadows so the traffic cannot go around them.
- Parks & Cemetery – No written report submitted. Triangle Park has a new sign.
- Police Report – No additional information to report.
- Mayor's Report- Report Submitted in writing.
 - Mayor read the letter from Joe McCabe thanking the town and council for donation for the kids Christmas bazaar. Mayor commended Joe for his hard work and dedication to the town and the children of the community. Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to Mr. McCabe. Certificates will also be given to BEDCO and to Steve Class/Colonial East because of their financial commitment to the bazaar and to Mr. Class for his financial contribution to help purchase items to ship to our troops overseas.



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New Business:

Resolution 2012.01.09 R1 was read; motion made by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion carried. Councilwoman King was absent.

Personnel Policy change by adding Martin Luther King Jr. as a town holiday. Motion made by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried. Councilman Joseph voted no. Councilwoman King was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:45pm

Bill Lecates with Sussex County Housing regarding Community Development Block Grant

Bill spoke regarding the Community Development Block Grant program and gave the town administrator the resolutions to be read and signed by council if passed. Council will review and read at the February meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 7:50pm.

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:50pm.

Good of the Community:

What is the status of the Kepley apartment building? The bank is in control; the apartments have all been condemned; up for foreclosure.

Motion to move in to Executive Session by Councilman Joseph at 7:54pm.

Motion to return to Regular Meeting at 8:10pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator