



Town of Blades  
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February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall

**APPROVED**

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell 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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012; motion by Councilwoman King to accept the minutes in written form; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.

Minutes from January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012; Public Hearing and Special Meeting; error to be fixed in the written minutes by removing Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr. as being present to being absent; motion to approve after fixing error by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilwoman King.

Police Report - submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Chaffinch. Commissioner Chaffinch noted that the Dustin Hamilton is back to full duty as of last week and that our part-time officer will continue to work to insure good coverage throughout the town.

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

P&Z – No meeting minutes available at the time of this meeting. P&Z did meet in order to discuss some administrative issues. Commissioner Hardin will not be running for office again but will stay on the P&Z board until officers have been brought up to speed and can take over the duties and responsibilities.

#### Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – No written report submitted at this time. Paving work will be completed once the weather permits it.
- Parks & Cemetery – No written report submitted. The postings for decorations removal are on the website and will be posting in the paper. The posting for bids for the cemetery contract is posted on the website and will be posting in the paper.
- Police Report – Officers have new computers/laptop in their vehicles. Grant from the state.
- Mayor's Report- Report Submitted in writing.



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New Business:

New Backhoe: Commissioner Joseph gave details describing the backhoes they have been looking at. The Town Administrator opened the bids:

Farm-Rite, Inc.: JCB Backhoe \$43,750.00  
Burke Equipment: Kubota Backhoe \$42,200.00

Public comment was to not accept the Kubota; Burke is too difficult to deal with.

Motion by Commissioner Joseph to purchase the JCB from Farm-Rite, Inc. for \$43,750.00; seconded by Councilwoman King; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Joseph wants Council to highly consider buying a building to house the new piece of equipment. He discussed the security risks of having the equipment out in the open and then the weather is a factor. A 30x40x10 pole building is \$10,800. But where would we put it. Need to find a location and council will give serious thought to the request.

CDBG Resolution 2012.02.13 for Rehabilitation, Infrastructure, and Demolition; motion to pass resolution by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion passed.

CDBG Fair Housing Resolution; motion to pass by Councilwoman King; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed.

Town Administrator read the certificates of appreciation for BEDCO, Stevan Class/Colonial East, and Joe McCabe.

The mayor announced that the town was nominated by Nigel Golding for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

Good of the Community:

Steve Brock stated that the police department did a good job being short handed. Ryan was mentioned in specific.

Motion to move in to Executive Session at 7:47pm.

Motion to return to Regular Meeting at 8:14pm.

Motion to approve purchasing new computers and a new server by Councilman Atkinson; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion passed.



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Mayor closed the meeting at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator