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APPROVED

By Vikki Prettyman at 4:03 pm, Feb 17, 2014

***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:10PM
January 13th, 2014***

Present: Mayor Michael J. Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Councilman John Reiss, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Councilman David Ruff

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

Minutes from December 9th 2013 Town Council meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.

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

BEDCO – No minutes available at the time of this meeting...

P&Z – No meeting in January.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – Report not in writing. E Fourth Street was blocked off due to water leak road repair; Commissioner Joseph meet with S&E Contracting about the ditch work estimates on W Third and W Fourth and across Market at E Second and E Third ditches; Street Department came to work around 4:30am for this past snow event, the roads were treated the day before with a salt/sand mixture, streets were in good shape; Mayor stated that the appreciates all the hard work the guys have been putting in to keeping the streets clear.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing and read by Vikki Prettyman.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted.

❖ **New Business:**

- **Christmas Light Contest**
 - **Winners are as follows:**
 - 1st Place: 209 Market Street
 - 2nd Place: 9 W Fourth Street
 - 3rd Place: 118 E Fifth Street



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- 2014 Christmas Calendar/Holiday Schedule
 - **Synopsis:** Christmas falls on a Thursday in 2014, recommendation to close town hall on Friday the 26th.
 - Motion to close town hall on Friday December 26th made by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Mrs. Maharty West regarding her plot; Commissioner Ruff isn't present and once the situation is reviewed he will be contacting Mrs. West. Per the Mayor
- Mr. Eisenhower regarding his tax bills; the tax bills weren't mailed to his correct address; the bills must have went to his sister's house and she would not have given to him; he doesn't feel he should have to pay for the penalties; he stated that he is making payments; the Town Administrator stated that the penalties are not waived 100% and only a percentage will be once the principal is paid in full.

Motion by Councilman Chaffinch for an executive session at 7:24pm; motion passed; regular session meeting paused at 7:24pm.

Council session resumed at 7:51pm.

Motion by Councilman Chaffinch to hire Jay Davidson as a part-time officer at \$18.00 an hour contingent upon the following conditions: he passes the background check; passes his physical and psychological exam; and passes his weapons test.

Interviews of potential new hire for consideration to the police academy will be conducted at Hardin Hall on Monday January 20th, 2014 with the first interviewee at 6:30pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator