



Town of Blades
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*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
January 12th, 2015*

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr.; 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 8th, 2014 Town Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Cooke; read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO – Once submitted the Town Administrator will post the minutes online.

P&Z – No meeting in January 2015

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. Commissioner Joseph stated we had plenty of sand/salt, just hope we don't need it.
- Parks & Cemetery – No written report. 100th Anniversary meeting scheduled for January 26th, 2015 at 1pm at Hardin Hall.
- Police Report – No further information.
- Mayor's Report – Report in writing; attached with these minutes. Mayor announced that the county was in a surplus and is giving the towns 10k in infrastructure grant funding and each police department will receive an additional 10k for their grant funding. Town Administrator will discuss with county what projects we are permitted to use the funds for.

❖ New Business:

➤ Christmas Light Contest

- Winners are as follows:

- 1st Place: 9 W Fourth Street (Michael & Kim Herd)
- 2nd Place: 209 Market Street (Mary Reza)
- 3rd Place: 607 Arch Street (tenant)

- Winners announced. Checks will be cut and mailed to the winners.

➤ 2015 Christmas Calendar/Holiday Schedule

- **Synopsis:** Christmas falls on a Friday 12/25, County has released their schedule and they are closed on Thursday, December 24th, and Friday, December 25th.



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- Council not willing to discuss at this time due to new administration; no motion entertained.
 - Flood Damage Reduction Ordinance BLDO-2014-12A
 - **Synopsis:** Retitles/Replaces Article 12 in the Land Development Ordinance
 - Motion made to waive the reading; ordinance will be posted online and available to read at town hall by Councilman Atkinson; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.
 - Resolution #430A
 - **Synopsis:** A resolution reducing the impact, planning, and permit fees for six months.
 - Councilman Reiss motioned to approve as read; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
 - Jorge property lots 50 and 55 Concord Road will be up for Sheriff Sale on January 20th. Tim Willard, Town Solicitor, will be present at the sale.
- ❖ Good of the Community:
- Starr Kulikauski asked about the progress on the back up well: The back up well is installed waiting on the electrician to install the necessary equipment at the water plant to kick the well on and give proper chemicals.
 - January 20th at 7pm will be the annexation meeting; Town Administrator needs to contract Council President Mike Vincent to update him on our progress.

Request for an executive session at 7:26pm; Mayor paused the regular session at 7:26pm.

Came back to regular meeting at 8:06pm; Mayor closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator