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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
November 9th, 2015***

Public Hearing Zoning Classifications for newly annexed parcels:

Opened Public Hearing at 7pm. Discussion of the recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission for the newly annexed parcels; establishing the zones. No questions on establishing the zoning for Royal Farms as General Business, the remaining 4 parcels are residential with the R-1 zoning classification. Closed the meeting at 7:04pm.

Council Meeting:

Present: Mayor Bob Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Lee Benningfield, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman BJ Hardin; Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: David Ruff

Meeting Opened at 7:04pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from October 12th, 2015 Town Council Meeting with executive session and the minutes from the special meeting on October 22nd, 2015; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.

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

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

P&Z – No meeting in November.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Marcus Trammell, read by Commissioner Reiss.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that all Christmas lights are up, new meter installed on pole, we have 3 new patches, waiting for them to settle and will be patched with the others; received in the salt shipment, snow plow is ready.
- Parks & Cemetery – no report submitted.
- Police Report – No further information; new police car has been ordered; in service sometime in January 2016
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ **New Business:**



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- Peninsula Oil Anniversary Proclamation: Presented John Willey II, with the proclamation, took pictures for the paper and website.
- R09 2015.11.09 Zoning & Annexation Ordinance #432: T/A read the resolution to establish the zoning for the newly annexed parcels; motion to approve Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed unanimously.
- Purchasing procedures reminder: SOP: Purchases; T/A presented the SOP for purchases as a general reminder to all departments.
- Grants: Applications must be presented to the council prior to submittal for approval; motion to pass the grant sop; all grants regardless of department and cost must be presented to council for approval; motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried unanimously.
- Upcoming workshop: November 16th, 2015 at 7pm; added to calendar.
- Town Slogan Contest: Date/Time of submittal? Where to post? Winner receives?
 - Post on all social media; article written in the paper; added to the website; post to the elementary schools; February 15th is the deadline.
- ❖ Good of the Community
 - Promoted the Christmas Lighting Contest; judging will take place with 3 judges; will post a flyer at town hall, on Facebook, and website...
 - Starr Kulikauski asked how much the hummer cost in insurance annually. T/A will get that information for Starr.
 - Possibly change the town charter so that annexing doesn't have to go through a referendum procedure if infrastructure is already in place.

Motion to move into executive session at 7:50pm by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.

Mayor reopened regular session at 8:16pm. Mayor closed the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator



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Executive Session

Opened E/S at 7:53pm

Council discussed Chief's contract; he is requesting a 3 year contract with a raise; Commissioner Benningfield does not recommend council to do so. Further discussion is needed with the town solicitor; Commissioner Benningfield will contact Tim.

More direction of Community Policing needs to happen.

Town should advertise for the new police officer, town administrator is directed to draft ad and place in local newspapers. Hiring an already certified officer or for the new recruitment class.

Mayor feels we should wait till January 1st for discussion with the chief on his contract.

Town Administrator shared update on the lawsuit.

Closed the E/S at 8:15pm.