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APPROVED

***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
July 11th, 2016***

Council Meeting:

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

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

Minutes from June 13th, 2016 and July 7th, 2016 Special Meeting minutes & Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Commissioner Benningfield.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No Meeting held this month.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Marcus Trammell, read by Commissioner Reiss. Commissioner Reiss thanked Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator, for getting the dumpsters and the funding for the town clean up and to all the employees who worked on Saturday, June 25th, 2016 and helped our citizens unload their trash.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated the patching & paving work on E Second, E Third, W Ninth, and W Fourth Street are being scheduled; the dump truck has new tires; there is a dumpster in the water tower fenced area due to the trees being trimmed are being dumped into it for easier clean up;
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the guys are trimming the trees in the park and cemetery; the cemetery is getting cut on schedule; and the unofficial update on the fire companies new station – fire siren is installed just not working at the moment, waiting on connectivity; some delays in opening due to construction issues; maybe September or October.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Announced that on July 7th special meeting the council voted for a K9 along with all his necessary expenses and Paskey will be his handler.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ **New Business:**

- Update on water project and loan/grant application with USDA
 - *USDA is still in the process of approving the PER/ER*
 - *The SEARCH Grant from USDA in January covered this expense of 10k*
 - *In the process of updating the application with the budget numbers*
 - *Once approved we can move forward with the referendum for citizen approval*

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- Town Administrator discussed the process of the water project. Will continue to update on this very important project.
 - Approval of the Pay Scale for the Police Department will be discussed in executive session.
- ❖ Good of the Community
- Burn Camp fundraiser August 19-21 at the Jay's Nest in Seaford. The fire companies get together for softball competition and all the proceeds go to the burn camp where it's free for all victims to attend.
 - BVFC has the gun raffle going on till the 21st.
 - October 15th the BVFC will be hosting a mother-son dance.
 - BVFC is having a brick fundraiser; buy a brick have a special dedication engraved and the bricks will be laid at the new fire station.

Councilman Benningfield motioned for an executive session at 7:28pm.

Re-entered council meeting at 7:59pm; meeting closed by the Mayor at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator