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June 13th, 2011
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman 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 May 9th, 2011, motion to accept in written form from Councilman Hardin, seconded by Councilwoman King; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report-submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Earl Chaffinch, Sr.

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

P&Z-meeting held on June 6th, 2011, no minutes available at the time of this meeting; Commissioner Hardin explained that there were two items on the agenda; Susan Henry-Jones for the spa business she wants to open at the Marina, dock-masters office and Verizon's request for additional fiber-optic cabling installations. The spa was approved by the Planning & Zoning commission and so was the installation of the additional cabling for Verizon.

Unfinished Business:

- Housing/Code-Code Enforcement report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by BJ Hardin.
- Water report-submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Bob Atkinson
 - Fourth Street and Arch had a major water leak and Commissioner Atkinson stated that he approved Brandon to call in assistance especially with the trenching. Meter on well one's battery was down so the readings were incorrect. The screen is in for the backwash system just waiting on the technician to install.
- Streets- No written report submitted. Commissioner Joseph stated that the patches are complete and working on a possible paving project for half of Hardin Hall's parking lot but the concern is pervious to impervious ground cover...
- Parks & Cemetery- additional lighting put up by Delmarva Power at the request of the Mayor; all work completed.
- Police Report-Commissioner Chaffinch reported additional information from the written report submitted by Chief Cooke.
 - August 2nd, 2011 will be the Blades Night Out.
 - The department is working on increasing its community policing. The grants from the federal government are scored and they have a high score for community policing. Chief will be making a presentation on community policing and the



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town will need to advertise and push it!

- Mayor's Report- submitted in writing.

New Business:

No new business to discuss.

Good of the Community:

John Kulikauski questioned the comment made by the Mayor regarding the incidents of violence brought up at the last meeting and the Mayor said that things may get worse before they get better. That caused him concern. The Chief stated that the incidents were drug related and arrests have been made.

Starr Kulikauski asked about the reflectors on the fire hydrants. The water ordinance re-write is currently on hold and as soon as that is completed and passed the reflectors will be brought up for a vote.

Motion to move to an Executive session by Councilwoman King; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch at 7:55pm.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman King, Mayor closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator