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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
September 14th, 2015***

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 August 10th, 2015 Town Council Meeting; 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 –Minutes read by Councilman Hardin for the September 3rd, 2015 meeting.

P&Z – No meeting held.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Marcus Trammell, read by Commissioner Reiss. Commissioner Reiss has requested that the town considers strengthening the nuisance ordinance on rentals. Will add to workshop agenda.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that he is working on getting the roads patched cut into from water leaks. He worked with bus contractors about the tree limbs hanging over the road way making it difficult for the buses to make it through without scrapping the tops of the bus. Discovered that the back hoe had water in the tank. Treated it and it's working better.
- Parks & Cemetery – submitted written report.
- Police Report – No further information.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing. Mayor Atkinson stated that he went around the town discussing the importance of the annexation vote. Annexation Vote is tomorrow September 15th from 12pm to 7pm at Hardin Hall.

❖ **New Business:**

- Quotes for the crosswalk and the curbing to be completed at Blades Elementary
 - Bids for the crosswalk:
 - Matt's Management Family \$325.00
 - Straight Line Services LLC \$2350.00
 - Bids for the curbing along Arch
 - UtiliSite, Inc. \$3820.00



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- Richard Whaley Construction LLC \$3580.00
- Shea Concrete LTD. \$3275.00
- Funding for the project is from State Representative Danny Short. Bids to present to Danny are Shea Concrete for \$3275.00 and Matt's for \$325.00, total \$3600.00
- The town administrator will forward the above quotes for approval and will move forward with scheduling the project.
- Purchase of a new truck for the streets/maintenance department; lease resolution
 - Town Administrator presented quotes from Ford, Chevy, GMC, and Dodge. Hertrich has the state contract on Fords. The cheapest truck is the Ford F250. Motion to approve purchasing a new Ford F250 not to exceed \$35,000.00 with the lease through Real Lease with lease resolution R08 2015.09.14 by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried.
- Surplus Real Property Resolution for Lots 50 & 55 on High Street
 - Motion to approve R07 2015.09.15.01 declaring two lots owned by the town for sale and authorizing and directing the public sale of 132-1.11-50 and 55 together in accordance with the statutory requirements, by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.
- Basketball Goal Donation; request to suspend rules under Section 38. Disposal of Property in order to donate the basketball goal to a nonprofit.
 - Motion to suspend the rules under Section 38 for disposing of property in order to donate the basketball goal to a non-profit by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
- Received a property assessment appeal from Colonial East. I have forwarded the appeal to our Town Solicitor and the appraiser for review.
 - Must forward to commercial appraiser for professional review.
- The assessments are posted at town hall for review. No changes have been made unless property owners have completed work to their home or property via the building permit process.

❖ Good of the Community

Motion to move into executive session at 7:42pm by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried.

Mayor reopened regular session at 8:37pm. Mayor closed the meeting at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator