



Town of Blades
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*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
January 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 December 14th, 2015 Town Council Meeting and Executive Session minutes; 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 January.

❖ 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 the new truck is in service and the snow plow in case of any inclement weather.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated the park flags and swings have been messed with. The flagpole light isn't working. Will report to maintenance. The warm weather has brought some mischief to the park. The firehouse will donate the flag pole to the town for the cemetery, briefly updated those in attendance on the construction of the new firehouse.
- Police Report – No further information. The newly ordered police car is making its way from California. No new update.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- Approval of SALLE & EIDE Police Grants
 - SALLE \$3548.32 (P226 12 round .357 Sig Magazines \$600.00/Overtime \$2948.32)
 - EIDE \$3280.79 (Overtime \$3280.79)
 - Grants have been taken off the agenda.
- Town Slogan Contest: Details
 - Due February 29th, 2016
 - Gift Basket, solicit the businesses in Blades
 - Need poster/flyers in schools, chamber, newspapers
- Christmas Light Winners: Certificates
 - 1st Place: 9 W Fourth Street
 - 2nd Place: 118 E Fifth Street

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- 3rd Place: 209 Market Street
- Honorable Mentions: 135 Meadow & 118 Meadow
- Update on Water Service Plans
 - Waiting on the PER/ER from Davis, Bowen, & Friedel.
- ❖ Good of the Community
 - Barry Calhoun, Little Meadows, why do we have a hummer? Commissioner stated for emergencies in extreme weather and it has been used in the past. He also asked when the water tower would be maintained; the Mayor responded that we are working on the funding for the maintenance contract.
 - John Kulikauski stated that his Christmas lights and others lights were stolen in Little Meadows and some vandalism took place; they are going to ask their neighbors if their security cameras caught any of the mischief.
 - Starr Kulikauski asked if the tax amnesty brought in any payment. One property came in for over 5k in payments. Also, she confirmed that 4 properties are moving forward for sheriff sale. T/A confirmed that 4 would be moving forward with the process.
 - David Ruff stated that no home should be without smoke detectors. The fire house can give them to you for free. Please utilize this great community service and get your smoke alarms!

Motion to move into executive session at 7:38pm by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.

Mayor reopened regular session at 8:11pm.

Motion to vote on the personnel issue as discussed in the executive session; move to deny the offer by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried. Commissioner Lee will forward the news.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator