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*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
February 8th, 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 January 11th, 2016 Town Council Meeting and Executive Session minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

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

BEDCO – getting ready for annual meeting; no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Pole Building for Martin Evans; recommendation to the Board of Adjustments due to being over the height restrictions. Café Milano for the porch addition; plans approved. Minutes are included

❖ 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 did great with the snow we received. The guys did a great job. Water leak on E Third Street now need 2 patches W Fourth and E Third. Parking issue at 506 Market was resolved with putting parking stoppers around the fire hydrant. W Second Street has a no parking sign and the police need to enforce this law.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the lights at the flagpoles have been fixed and look good. The guys did plow the streets in the cemetery.
- 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)
 - Motion to approve with the limitation that no grant funding to be expensed under Chief Cooke; approval maintains the funding as explained by the grant administrator for SALLE/EIDE but the expenses (what the grant is going to be used for) will change; by Commissioner Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.
- Board of Elections:
 - Jean Dejewski



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- Starr Kulikauski
- John Kulikauski
- Copier Purchase/Printer:
 - Current machine is 9 years old
 - Wish list of amenities
 - Quote: \$5595.00 color/black & white, staples, 11x17, 12x18 capabilities
 - \$675 annual maintenance contract
 - Motion to approve as quoted \$5595.00 by Councilman Joseph to purchase from Automated Copy Systems; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.
- ❖ Good of the Community
 - Starr Kulikauski asked David Ruff if he got with Lee Benningfield about the cameras at the park about the vandalism at the park. David did not. The hydrant at Johnson Avenue still out of service; T/A it is still out of service.
 - Barry Calhoun: cars parked on the sidewalk along High Street; this needs to be addressed. John Reiss will talk with Marcus about addressing it with the owners and tenants.
 - Ron Dejewski: vandalism in Little Meadows. Commissioner Benningfield took the complaints regarding the increased activity and no police protection; the state police hadn't been out to take the report; when will you have this discussion with the state police regarding the cost of them taking over the patrol.
 - Mr. Ranish had vandalism at his home.
 - Commissioner Benningfield stated he will work towards getting more patrols in Little Meadows.
 - Lawrence Grantham asked about other reports and the dissemination of the numbers and what about the increase in vandalism; something has to be done; this is an important issue; preventative measures far outweigh protective.
 - Continued discussion of the troubles how the numbers are reported
 - Ron Dejewski asked if the contract with Chief Cooke was being renewed and Commissioner Benningfield stated that the contract was not renewed.
 - Larry Grantham: list of condemned homes, the code officer does keep a list of homes most empty homes are still bank owned. Have we considered Habitat for Humanity; yes, the town has. We are constantly working on how empty lots and empty homes can be salvaged.

Motion to move into executive session at 7:52pm by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.

Mayor reopened regular session at 8:pm.

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

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