



Town of Blades
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*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
March 14th, 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 February 8th, 2016 Town Council Meeting and Executive Session minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.

Blades Volunteer Fire Company: Update on Building construction from Ray Hastings; site work started today; storm water management plans; had good weather over the winter; project completion projected date is 5/30/2016; whistle moving 80 feet; needed to move the pole that the whistle was on; burying the electric or all new overheads; 3 phase end at the banquet hall; single phase past; changing from propane to natural gas, Chesapeake Utilities running the gas lines; new radios won't need the antenna; 100 foot antenna will work just fine; at the annual banquet, Jason Tharp was Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Mayor thanked Ray and congratulated the fire company on a good job. Last breakfast was March till August. The cornerstone placing is Sunday April 17th.

Police Report – submitted by Commissioner Benningfield. Not a normal report. The Chief is no longer with the town; Commissioner didn't have the statistics.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No meeting.

❖ 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 patches at E Third and W Fourth along with extending E Second, and repaving W Ninth Street quotes are in the works. Maintenance put up new sign at the end of E Fourth Street; after the construction at the fire company is complete they will move it up. Department has been working to get the police vehicles serviced; all vehicles in the department had issues.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the flag poles have been fixed with new rope systems and lighting.
- Police Report – No further information. No new update.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- A.C. Schultes Maintenance Contract

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- Above ground inspection for submersible pumps
- Inspection Service: \$2100.00 locks in rate for the developing and repairs needed at \$2100.00 per 8 hour day
- Motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed unanimously.
- Hungerford & Terry Inc.
 - Greensand media testing/labs contract at \$1453.00 for both filter systems
 - Motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor's Day of Recognition for Nation Service Proclamation
 - Proclamation read by Town Administrator
 - Motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed unanimously.
- Hertrich Fleet: Lights, siren, speakers on the new Chevy caprice
 - \$5,360.00
 - Motion to approve on the Sussex County Revenue Share Grant by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed unanimously.

❖ Good of the Community

- Starr Kulikauski questioned the fire hydrant on Johnson Avenue; the contractor is working on getting it on the schedule for repair. Also, is the camera at the park working; it is.
- Fred Wimbrow; 205 E Sixth Street; complaint regarding trash from the neighbor's yard coming in to his; Councilman Reiss will communicate to Marcus, Code, with the information for him to make contact with the neighbors.

Motion to move into executive session for personnel reason at 7:41 pm by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.

Mayor reopened regular session at 8:20pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator