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APPROVED

*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
June 13th, 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 May 9th, 2016 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 Commissioner Benningfield. Commissioner Benningfield stated that we have hired a new Police Chief, Paul Anthony and a new Patrolman, William Paskey. The new police car has been delivered and in use. Both hummers were returned on June 7th, 2016.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Meeting on June 6th, 2016, minutes attached.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Marcus Trammell, read by Commissioner Reiss. Commissioner Reiss stated that the complaint on 6th Street has been resolved. Working on a nuisance ordinance for rental properties. Working on a town wide clean up.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that the gas company replaced piping on Market Street with the approval from DelDOT. Maintenance Dept working on the grass and weeds along the sidewalks. Project for E Second, W Ninth, E Third, and W Fourth Streets are still in processing, hoping to schedule soon. Tree trimming at the park and on town properties along the streets.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that cars have been parking in the park near the pavilion, this is not allowed, signs are up! Illegal use of dumping in the park dumpsters, signs are being made that the town will prosecute violators. Cemetery has been cut. Flag Day ceremony June 14th, 2016 at 630pm at the park. Everyone is welcome. Fire Hall is coming along, waiting on the concrete to dry, too much moisture in the banquet hall area, about 60 days out on the demo of the existing fire company for the parking and stormwater area.
- Police Report – No further information. Chief Paul Anthony spoke on several accomplishments for the department.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.



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❖ New Business:

- KCI: “Neighborhood Building Block Fund Application – Comprehensive Plan”
 - John Reiss introduced KCI, P&Z approved their presentation, recommended to Council
 - Debbie Pfeil spoke on the grant opportunity for KCI to request the grant for our updated Comprehensive Plan.
 - Councilman Reiss motioned to approve KCI completing the grant application for them to complete our comprehensive plan, seconded by Councilman Benningfield, motion approved.
- OHS Speed Equipment Grant: Requesting 4 Lidar Laser Units, Kustom Signals
 - Motion to approve submitting the grant application to OHS by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Ruff, motion approved.
- FY17 Sussex County Revenue Share Grant: Use for vehicle lease on new PPV’s
 - Motion to use the FY17 SCRSG for the lease (purchase) payments on 2 new PPV’s to upgrade the fleet by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss, motion approved.
- Swearing in of Officer William Paskey and Introduction of Chief Paul Anthony: with small celebration to follow
 - Swearing in of Chief Paul Anthony and Patrolman William Paskey.

❖ Good of the Community

No comments from the audience.

Executive Session motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff at 7:53pm.

Returned to Council Meeting at 9:21pm.

Motion to approve the increase in Patrolman Paskey’s annual salary after his 90 day probationary period from 36k to 38k per year by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Joseph, motion passed.

Meeting closed by the Mayor at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator