



Town of Blades  
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*Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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 – Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016; board approved lean to on the BEDCO property; Café Milano's a frame roof; and the new house on Little Meadows held till next month's meeting. Minutes are not available at this time of this 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 he is gathering quotes from Delmarva Paving for the paving work needing to be done on E Second Street; repair parts of E Second Street, W Ninth Street, and pathing on W Ninth Street, W Fourth Street, and E Third Street. All asking for funding from Danny. Ordering new signs; guys are doing a great job on streets, they have already sprayed the curbs for weeds.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the grass cutting at the parks and cemeteries has started.
- Police Report – No further information. Update on the new police car; recall on the steering.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- Administer the Oath of Office to Elected Officials
  - Town Administrator read the Oath of Office to John Reiss, BJ Hardin, and David Ruff
- Nominations for Vice-Mayor of Council
  - Motion to approve Russell Joseph by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.
- Commissioner Appointment by Mayor



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- Housing – John Reiss
- Water – BJ Hardin
- Streets - Russell Joseph
- Parks & Cemeteries – David Ruff
- Police – Lee Benningfield
- Appointment of Town Solicitor
  - Tim Willard, Fuqua, Yori & Willard in Georgetown
  - Motion to accept by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed 3 yeas to 2 nays.
- Appointment of Tax Assessor
  - Bridget Weaver, Weaver Appraisals, Seaford. Residential Assessments, per parcel, by size; base rate of \$200.00; motion to approve by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion approved.
  - Harold Carmine, Carmine Appraisals, Georgetown. Commercial Assessments, per parcel, by size; base rate of \$500.00; motion to approve by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion approved.
- Approval Well #1 Redevelopment \$10,475.00 from AC Shultes
  - Been held for a year
  - Funding from the sale of the Jorge property to cover the cost
  - Motion to approve by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion approved.
- ❖ Good of the Community
  - Starr Kulikauski asked about the cemetery mow contracts; we signed a 3 year contract 2 years ago. She questioned the greensand filters for the pumps, T/A told her that they are in the process of getting the testing scheduled with the company that was approved by council.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator