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*Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
May 9th, 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 April 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 Commissioner Benningfield. Not a normal report. Delay from the dealer on the new police car. Recall. Warrant will be active on the day of the sale.

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.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that the crew has sprayed the curbs for weeds; the state swept the roads Market and High Streets; patch work and new pavement laying on W Ninth, E Second, E Third, and W Fourth approved by Danny Short for CTF waiting on PO from the state to be completed; received new stop signs
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the grass cutting at the parks and cemeteries is going good.
- Police Report – No further information.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report in writing.

❖ New Business:

❖ Good of the Community

- Larry Grantham, how many officers do we have? Commissioner Benningfield stated one Chief and one Officer; hiring for an experienced officer; considering also a part-time.
- Barry Calhoun, traffic plans for the road construction on 13, they are going to single lanes which will cause traffic issues here in town, concerned about the stop sign; The town will come up with plans to help during the high traffic times.
- Larry Grantham, offender dealing in child porn is home on house arrest with electronic monitoring, he is being monitored very closely; he was just updating the town on the latest.



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Executive Session motion by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Joseph at 7:26pm.

Returned to Council Meeting at 7:53pm.

Motion to accept the Chief's contract as amended, motioned by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.

Motion to have the police department wear a summer uniform consisting of BDU's or tactical gear until the new uniforms are designed and ordered by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.

Meeting closed by the Mayor at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator