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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
September 12th, 2016***

Council Meeting:

Present: Mayor, Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Lee Benningfield, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman BJ Hardin; Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Councilman David Ruff

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from August 8th, 2016 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Commissioner Benningfield.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No Meeting held this month.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Snell property was given a 60 day raze order via certified mail. Code Report submitted in writing by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that Delmarva Paving will be in town to complete the paving and patching work. There have been 3 water leaks that will now need patching. Maintenance team has been trimming the grass around the streets.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report in writing.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony reported on trainings that both officers are attending; chief has been more visible at the school, working on several houses of interest regarding drugs with the Seaford PD & DSP. He has requested overtime grant funding.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson's report not available at this time.

❖ **New Business:**

- Café Milano Proclamation- Celebration of 15 years of business, presentation of proclamation and pictures.
- USDA Loan Resolutions – motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.
- Discussion on Charter Change for properties that already have the infrastructure in front of their property can request annexation without going through special election – motion to move

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forward with discussion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

- Property assessments are available at town hall for review (only changes if you have made additions to your property)
- Crime-Free Rental Ordinance (Nuisance Ordinance) – motion to waive the reading by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield.
- Crime-Free Rental Ordinance (Nuisance Ordinance) – motion to hold a public hearing on October 10th, 2016 for open discussion of this ordinance; by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.
- Mayor gave direction to Town Administrator to prepare for budget for November workshops.
- Annual Audit to start in October.

❖ Good of the Community
No comments

Motion to move to Executive Session by the Councilman Reiss at 8pm; seconded by Councilman Joseph.

Moved back in to regular session at 8:28pm; motion to close meeting at 8:29pm; meeting closed by Mayor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator