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

Public Hearing:

Mike Jones from CDBG details regarding the program and what is available for the residents of Blades. Must own the home to be eligible. Question asked: how are the un-incorporated properties work, Mike Jones stated the same way as municipalities.

Council Meeting:

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

Absent: Mayor, Bob Atkinson

Meeting Opened at 7:13pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from November 14th, 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. Councilman Hardin voiced concerned regarding BEDCO feeling as though they do not have to report minutes to the council. The bylaws will be reviewed and discussed at a later date. (workshop)

P&Z – No Meeting held this month.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that the patch work won't be completed till next year when the plants can reopen.
- Parks & Cemetery – the doors from the fire house were recycled for the park bathrooms; Brandon will coordinate installation. Vehicle backed into the fence again at the park. Waiting on repair work.
- Police Report – Report in writing.
- Mayor's Report – No report at this time.



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❖ New Business:

- CDBG Resolution R04 2016.12.12 read by Town Administrator: motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion carried.
- CDBG Resolution R05 2016.12.12 read by Town Administrator: motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.
- Ordinance 420 Amendment C; 1st reading
- USDA loan resolution: motion to waive the reading by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion to approve by the resolution by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried.
- Ordinance 433 Crime Free Rental: 3rd and final reading; waive the reading motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion to approve the ordinance by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Benningfield; ordinance passed.
- New Construction Building Fee Reduction Resolution R03; motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; resolution passed.
- Christmas Light Contest: Judging on the 19th of December after 5pm. Winners will be announced on the 21st.
- Joe McCabe: Recognition for the Kids Christmas Bazaar this year (16 years).
 - Town Administrator directed to make special plaque of gratitude.
- Christmas Eve falls on Saturday and Christmas Day falls on Sunday. The county is closed on Friday and Monday. The town hall will be closed Monday but is there any consideration for Friday? Half Day? Full Day?
 - Motion to close half day by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion carried.
- FY2017 Budget Resolution; motion to pass budget resolution by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried. Councilman Joseph voted no.

❖ Good of the Community

- Councilman Ruff stated that Breakfast can start back in February.
- Janet Hubbard said we should all be very proud of the new firehouse. It's very nice.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator