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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

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

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

Minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Anthony, read by Commission Benningfield.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No Meeting held this month.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell. Town wide cleanup day was a success, 7 household trash dumpster and 2 yard waste dumpsters. Thank you to Marcus and Brandon for all their hard work in helping the citizens get the trash in the dumpsters. Citizens started lining up at 730am. It was a good day. JR.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. All patches have been completed. JR
- Parks & Cemetery – Report in writing. New park sign looks amazing. DR
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony spoke; park cameras are up and running, it isn't a great system, he is looking into a camera system to monitor traffic coming in and out of town on the 4 points South, East, West, and North exits/entrances of town, it will be able to read tags and inferred systems; K9 and Paskey were at the middle school conducting routine drug searches; Paskey and Chief both have statewide jurisdiction and have been sworn in and can assist in state road blocks, drinking and driving, click it or ticket schedules in the state; K9 completed updated training with the State Police; Route 13 traffic patrol and speed reduction has been approved by the state, speed will be reduced from around the old Bi-Rite autos towards ig Burton coming north to 45mph, enforcement signs will be up in about 30 days; there was an issue with school age kids skipping school and hanging out at the abandoned house outside town limits on Normandy, Marcus is working with the county constable on notifying the owner to tear it down, it is a hazard; question was asked about a traffic light at High and Market, the traffic studies don't recommend one; uniforms? They are in the tactical and looking at winter gear but the costs are extremely high and need the funding to upgrade the department; need a radar unit for Paskey's car.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing. He commented that the Live for Chocolate event in downtown Seaford and Blades was a well attended event and nothing but positive comments. Thanked Matos for traffic control work.



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❖ New Business:

- Ordinance 434: Alcohol Sales Restrictions
  - Motion to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Joseph
  - Motion to approve Ordinance 434 by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion carried with one no vote by Councilman Reiss.
- Cemetery Lawn Cutting Bids
  - Motion to approve the bid from the Department of Corrections for a bid of \$300 per cut by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.

❖ Good of the Community

- Traffic in town is heavy due to the road construction in Seaford on Route 13.
- There is a pothole on E Seventh Street by the park that needs addressed; Councilman Joseph will have the guys get right on it.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator