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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
June 12th, 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 May 8th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.

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

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Meeting Minutes not available at the time of this meeting; the commission discussed the annual comprehensive report to the state and commission appointments but there was a member who was unable to attend so further discussion will be at the July meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell. Peninsula Oil had some illegal dumping on their property, Marcus responded, Pen Oil will clean up. JR
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin. BJ
- Streets - No written report. Seventh Street pot hole has been repaired. Water leak on Second now needs patched; working on street repair bids; W Third new pavement looks good. RJ
- Parks & Cemetery – Report in writing. Grass cutting at the cemeteries looks good and being completed by the Department of Corrections; park is getting lots of use; Flag Day June 14th at 630pm. DR
- Police Report – Report in writing. No additional information. LB
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing. DR

❖ New Business:

- Opening bids for the Dodge Durango and the Crown Vic
 - Town Administrator opened all the bids and read them aloud
 - Winning bid for the Durango \$900 by Shawn Joseph
 - Winning bid for the Crown Vic \$625 by Shaw Joseph
 - Motion to approve the bids by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.
- Resolution for surplus police equipment: generator and trailer
 - Resolution 2017-06-12/R-3 for 2 generators and 1 cargo trailer
 - Motion to approve the resolution by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.
- Sussex Conservation implementation grant for the storm pond here on town property



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- Project was discussed with SC around 2 years ago and funding has finally come in to place and the Town Administrator is asking permission from council to move forward with cleaning the storm pond out and digging out the sediment from the bottom of the pond to make it a working retention pond again.
- Motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.
- State Revolving Fund; Looping the water system project
 - The town administrator has the paperwork completed with the town engineer for grant funding for the loop project; the town administrator is seeking council's permission to submit this grant paperwork to the SRF.
 - Motion to approve by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.
- Consumer Confidence Report for Water Quality 2016 was announced and copies available on our Facebook, Website, and in print at town hall.
- Snell House
 - Councilman Reiss stated the home needs to be demolished
 - Requesting council's permission to move forward finding quotes for the demo work
 - Motion to approve getting quotes for demolition by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed. Note Councilman Joseph voted NO.
- Council Workshop on Monday, June 19th at 7pm
 - Agenda: Financials and Goals
- ❖ Good of the Community
 - Concern over Putnam Group property appearance. Discuss with Dave Bull (T/A)
 - Compliments on the Police Department and the work being done
 - Compliment to Town Administrator on the work on obtaining grants in order to get projects going
 - Activity at the abandoned building at the end of Normandy has stopped, thankfully.

Councilman Reiss requested an Executive Session at 7:36pm.
Back into regular session at 8:01pm

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator



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Executive Session
6/12/2017

Opened Executive Session at 7:41pm.

Councilman Reiss asked who gave permission for the fruit stand. Town Administrator stated the business license ordinance governs the placement of produce stands and states produce stands are exempt from business licenses. Consensus was the language in the ordinance needs to change. Further discussion on language with the ordinance needed.

Further discussion on yard sales inside the home; that turns more into sales and yes a license would be required.

Closed the meeting at 8:01pm.