



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
August 14th, 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 7:02pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from July 10th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; 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 for August

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that signs throughout town have been replaced; making new sign order; bids have been received for the new paving work on Seventh and Market and Arch between Sixth and Seventh.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report in writing. DR
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony reported,
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- Mayor recommended the renewal of Ray Hastings to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Councilman Reiss motioned to approve recommendation; Councilman Joseph 2nd motion; motion passed.
- 2nd reading: Amendment to Ordinance 433: Section 9. If the inspection is not scheduled to be completed within 90 (changing to 30 days, in order to comply with the business license ordinance) days of submitting an application or renewal for the rental license, the owner shall be in violation of the chapter.
- 1st reading: Amendment to Ordinance 420-C Business License & Inspection Ordinance: change Exceptions section regarding produce stands: adding if you are selling produce not grown on your farm you are subject to license fee.
- Empty council seat; Mayor recommended Jason Hudson to the empty council seat as the Parks & Cemetery commission; Motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried with one no vote by Councilman Joseph.
- Police Commissioner wants council's approval to use revenue over and above the budgeted amount to pay down the loan on the police cars. Motion to approve by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.

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❖ Good of the Community

- Barry Calhoun wanted to know if the town is adequately insured; T/A answered yes.
- Edna Hastings, 19 E Fifth Street, complained about rude kids in the middle of the street, cursing and yelling and not getting out of the way of traffic; Councilman Benningfield stated that he will have the police department increase patrols and talk to them about the problems along Arch and Fifth. He reminded Ms. Hastings to always call the police (911).
- Star Kulikauski stated that Blades Night Out was such a success. John and her have been helping for 12 years.

Request for Executive Session because of a potential legal matter at 7:39pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator