



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
September 11th, 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 August 14th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; 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 minutes available at the time of this meeting for the September 5th, 2017 meeting

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that all patches have been maintained; paving project PO received and signed from the state, waiting on their final signatures and the paving project can be scheduled. Speed bump on Sixth is scheduled during this project; permission given to the fire company to closed E Fourth and E Fifth streets Sunday from 8am to 2pm.
- Parks & Cemeteries – parks have been used heavily; grass cutting at the cemetery is going well.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony reported
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- 3rd 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. Motion carried to approve by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
- 2nd 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. Councilman Reiss is requesting the change be dropped as he no longer sees this as necessary; 2nd reading proceeded and if council wishes to reject then will be done at 3rd reading.
- Sealed bids for the surplus equipment; bids too low, motion to reject bids from Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried; Councilman



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Reiss abstained from the vote. Town Administrator is asked to receive appraisals on the equipment and re-advertise.

- Town wide clean up: October 14th, 2017
- Property Assessments available for viewing at town hall.

❖ Good of the Community

- Town clean-up: restrictions are must be town resident and trash must come from within the town properties only...

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator