



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

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

Absent: Councilman John Reiss  
Late Attending: Councilman Jason Hudson

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

Minutes from December 8<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 in January.

❖ 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 there are 2 new water leaks so patches need to be done, the guys did a great job plowing the snow!
- Parks & Cemeteries – no written report, Commissioner Hudson will be late tonight.
- Police Report – Report in writing.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- USDA Loan Resolution for the additional funding for the water project along Concord Road; motion to approve by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion approved.
- Holiday Lighting Contest Winners
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place 209 Market Street
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 205 E Third Street
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 206 High Street
  - Honorable Mention 118 E Fifth Street 2016 Light Winner

❖ Good of the Community

- Barry Calhoun likes the use of the Gator around town and plowing the snow.
- Barry also wishes to voice concern of a molasses look in his water coming from the cold water.



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- Starr Kulikauski commended the guys on plowing of the town streets and asked how the water project was coming along, T/A Prettyman discussed that latest update.
- T/A Prettyman was honored for her 10 years with the town, with a special award.
- Councilman Hardin stated that he would be resigning at the end of his term and not running again. Mayor Ruff thanked him for his many years of service.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator