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***Town Council Meeting
Blades Fire Hall
7:00PM
March 12th, 2018***

Present: Mayor David Ruff, Vice Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Jason Hudson; and Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Councilman BJ Hardin

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

Minutes from February 9th, 2018 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hudson; motion passed.

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

BEDCO – No reports at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No meeting held. Need a new member to continue the term of Michael Smith who will be sworn in as Councilman on April's meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell. Read by Commissioner Hudson.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater, read by Mayor Ruff.
- Streets – Commissioner Joseph stated that he has met with the streets department regarding patches needed throughout town, he also met with Soil Conservation regarding the ditch work needed behind the home on the north side of E Second Street and work to make the ditch flow better.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Commissioner Reiss stated that the flags are wind torn, the cemetery was mowed and looks good, there are trashcans in the cemetery and the trash has been picked up from along the fence line.
- Police Report – Report in writing.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing. Read letter from citizen Bonnie Rose. Included in the minutes.

❖ New Business:

- Easter Egg Hunt this year at the park, March 24th, 2018 at 1pm
- Town Clean Up, Saturday, April 21st from 9am to 1pm
- Approval from council to move forward with requesting funding for the water loop along business park drive, the funding for the water plant upgrade needed, and funding for potentially bringing in properties on the west side of the railroad tracks on town water due to the PFOA/PFOS contaminate. This is approval to move forward finding the funding not approving any loans for such funding. Through the drinking water state revolving fund – Motion to approve the water looping project funding requests/proposals/applications by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman



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Reiss; motion carried. Motion to approve the funding requests/proposal/applications for the water expansion going west on River Road, the water plant upgrade, and the emergency funds for improvements to the town hall complex, by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried.

- Request for workshop to discuss the language for the charter change on March 26th, 2018 at 6:30pm.

❖ Good of the Community

- Barry Calhoun questioned when the tide went out the marina was empty when was the last time the marina was dredged? Unknown at the time.
- Starr Kulikauski asked about allowing mobile homes to come in to town. If they are existing during and annexation then the exception will be made but if replacement is necessary it will not be allowed. No new mobile homes to be brought on town property but exemptions are made during and annexation process. Our land use ordinance does list this.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator