



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Blades Fire Hall
7:00PM
April 9th, 2018***

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

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

Minutes from March 9th, 2018 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 reports at the time of this meeting. Past meeting minutes are available electronically and will be posted on the website.

P&Z – No meeting minutes available at this time of this meeting. Recommendation for David McAdams to complete the term for Michael J Smith, leaving for Town Council Commission; recommendation approved to move forward to town council's approval.

❖ 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 the patch work is ready to be completed, waiting on quotes, will use MSAF \$, the street signs are ready for pick up and Brandon will be making time to do that this week.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Commissioner Reiss had no written report, Easter Egg Hunt, 1st Annual, was a success, Park and Cemetery are looking good.
- 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:

- Administer the Oath of Office to Elected Officials: Jason Hudson, John Reiss, Michael J Smith
- Nomination for Vice-Mayor: Nomination by Russell Joseph; seconded by Jason Hudson for Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; nomination passed.
- Commissioner Appointment by Mayor
 - Housing: Jason Hudson
 - Water: John Reiss
 - Streets: Russell Joseph
 - Parks & Cemeteries: Michael J Smith
 - Police: Lee Benningfield
- Appointment of Town Solicitor



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- Tim Willard, Fuqua, Willard, Stevens, & Schab in Georgetown (no RFP has been completed as of yet due to active and pending business with Time Willard
- Motion to approve Tim Willard till RFP can be completed, by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.
- Appointment of Tax Assessor
 - Weaver Appraisals. (Great Job this past year)
 - Motion to approve Weaver Appraisals by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion approved.
- New Planning & Zoning Appointment to replace Michael Smith is David McAdams to finish Mr. Smith's appointment till July 2019.
 - Motion to approve by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hudson; motion approved.
- ❖ Good of the Community
 - Starr Kulikauski asked if the restaurant was condemned; it is.
 - Starr asked when the laundry mat would be going up; as soon as plans are presented and approved.
 - Barry Calhoun asked about the cleaners; council is currently in discussion about this property being donated to the town. Will have additional information shortly.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator