



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
September 9, 2019***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilor Michael J. Smith, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, Councilor Russell Joseph and Town Clerk Karen Raines.

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

Minutes from the August 12, 2019, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Michael J. Smith; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes. Councilor Russell Joseph- Yes. Carried.

Police Report – Submitted by Police Chief Paul Anthony; read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No meeting for September 2019.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell; read by Councilor Trice.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Hudson. Water tower painting has begun and is in progress.
- Streets – Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Joseph. Councilor Joseph noted patches on East Fourth Street are ready to begin.
- Parks & Cemeteries- No report at the time of this meeting.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Chief Anthony. Backpack give away was a success although there was less traffic than expected due to neighboring town events. Announcement - John Thompson III hired and sworn in September 4, 2019. 2009 Crown Victoria has been retired from active service and will be open for sealed bids until 4:30pm October 14, 2019.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Reiss. Confirmed Hardin Hall is currently condemned and unfit for use.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted in writing by Town Administrator Lisa Marks; read by Mayor Reiss.



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❖ New Business:

- Ordinance changes: Second Reading Ordinance 420B-B-Business Licensing Fees – tabled until necessary changes discussed at a Workshop.
- Ordinance changes: Third Reading Ordinance 411-Water Rates and Penalties – Motion to adopt as written made by Councilor Hudson; seconded by Vice-Mayor Benningfield. Motion carried.
- Ordinance changes: Third Reading Ordinance 434 – Vacant Buildings – tabled until necessary changes discussed at a Workshop.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Sewer work may have damaged the roads in Little Meadows. Councilor Joseph will check status to determine if the roads need to be repaved.

Mayor Reiss closed the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk