



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
November 11, 2019***

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

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

Minutes from the October 14, 2019, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Michael J. Smith; seconded by Councilor Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice - Yes. Carried

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

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted verbally by Councilor Donald Trice.

❖ 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.
- Streets Submitted and read by Councilor Russell Joseph. Paving of West Sixth Street is complete. Securing future funding new parking lot striping of Park and Hardin Hall.
- Parks & Cemeteries - Submitted and read by Councilor Smith. Due to Vandalism, picnic tables will be removed from the pavilion during the Winter months. New doors and security for the park bathroom doors to move forward with installation.
- Police Report – Submitted and read by Chief Paul Anthony. Fall Movie Night in the Park is cancelled. Will discuss future showings in the Spring of 2020. Chief Anthony noted Blades Police Officers are participating in “No Shave November” for charity.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Reiss. Mayor Reiss noted reminder the EPA Public Hearing will be at the Blades Volunteer Fire Hall on December 5, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- Town Administrator Report – No report at the time of this meeting.



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- ❖ New Business:
  - Purchase of new police vehicle tabled for the time being.
  
- ❖ Old Business:
  - Ordinance 420B-B: First Reading – Motion to accept as written with changes Ordinance 420B-B by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, seconded by Councilor Donald Trice; Motion passed. Carried
  - Vacant Building Ordinance 434: Second Reading – Motion to accept as written with changes made by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield., seconded by Councilor Donald Trice. Carried
  
- ❖ Good of the Community:
  - No current updates regarding Hardin Hall repairs.

Mayor Reiss closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Town Clerk