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

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

Mike Jones with the Community Block Development Grant office made the annual presentation offering help with home rehabilitation for those who qualify for assistance.

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

Minutes from the November 11, 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, Ashley Hudson - 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 – No report at the time of this meeting.
- Parks & Cemeteries - Submitted and read by Councilor Smith. Updates are in the works to have the camera system at the Park in proper working order.
- Police Report – Submitted and read by Chief Paul Anthony. Chief Anthony noted Community interaction and impact between the Police Department and citizens is very valuable.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Reiss. Mayor Reiss confirmed Town Hall closure holiday schedule. Town Hall closed 12/25/2019 and 1/1/2020.
- Town Administrator Report – Confirmation 2020 budget to be approved at 12/9/2019 meeting.



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❖ New Business:

- 2020 Budget presented in writing. Motion to accept in writing by Councilor Donald Trice, seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield. Carried.
- David Ruff appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill vacant seat.
- Sky Lantern Ordinance proposal not passed at this time.

❖ Old Business:

- Vacant Building Ordinance 434: Final Reading – Motion to accept as written 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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk