



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
September 13, 2021***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice, Councilman Russell Joseph, and Administrative Assistant Karen Raines.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the August 9, 2021, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried.

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony. Read by Councilman Donald Trice. Introduced Shelley Lambden who will be working with the Police Department with moving forward with Department Accreditation

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell, read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.
- Streets – Report submitted by Councilman Russell Joseph. Road patches are now complete.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. All new pieces of playground equipment have now been installed. There has been some graffiti on the park playground equipment – Maintenance will attempt to have it removed or covered. Community Yard Sale will be held on September 18th from 7am-12pm. Cemetery: limited graves available for purchase, expansion is needed to have more available graves.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – No report at the time of this meeting.

❖ New Business:

- Police vehicle purchase – Chief Anthony and Councilman Donald Trice proposed purchasing a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe from the Greenwood Police Department. Motion to purchase made by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Councilman Donald Trice seconded the motion. Motion passed,

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Councilman Donald Trice –Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson –Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes.

- Police excess weapons sales – Chief Anthony proposed using Clark Lankford of Lankford’s Gun Sales in Seaford, DE to process selling surplus weapons from the Blades Police Department. Motion to sell using Lankford’s services made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilman Russell Joseph seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo tice – No.
- First reading of Resolution R06.2021.09.13: Violation and Penalty Fees. Read by Administrative Assistant Karen Raines.
- Blades welcome sign: tabled to be discussed at October 11th meeting.

❖ Old Business:

- Third reading Ordinance 435: Contractor’s Licenses and Fees. Decision made to table third reading for a Workshop discussion.

❖ Good of the Community

Motion made to sell existing air conditioning / heating units in Hardin Hall to Saint Paul’s United Methodist Church. Since there is less than 60 days left prior to demolition of the building, no advertisement for surplus items posted in the local paper. Motion to sell to the church made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilman Russell Joseph seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:17pm.

Exited Executive Session: 8:59pm.

Vice-Mayor Mike Smith motioned to adjourn the September 13, 2021, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilman Russell Joseph.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant