

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:10 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Council Members: Farrish, Pooley, White, and Bee, Chief of Police Walker, Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez, and Mr. Fred Sussman, Atty. (standing in for Ms. Sue Ellen Ferguson, the Towns Attorney).

Excused: Town Administrator Guy Tiberio

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Bee, second by CM White. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns reports:

- Some sad news - Joe Horan, Former Edmonston Council Member and husband of previous long time Mayor of Edmonston (Paulette Horan) passed away. Joe served on the town council for many years. May he rest in peace.
- The Mayor will have a meeting with the owners of Three Brothers Restaurant to discuss future development revitalization plans for their property. At one time there was discussion on bringing in a CVS pharmacy to that area along Kenilworth.
- The Mayor will also be having a meeting with Mayor Vernon Archer of Riverdale Park to discuss how we can together work on a solution to provide additional parking to businesses along Lafayette Place that are physically located in Riverdale, but must park on Lafayette Avenue in Edmonston.

We will also be discussing the manner of converting our area into a Quiet Zone (CSX railroad.) A train Quiet Zone consists of four gates (crossing arms) that can be raised and lowered – at a rail crossing-at-grade, preventing vehicles from entering the crossing when a train is moving through it. With the gates in place the train engineer is not required to blow the horn on his approach to the crossing, creating a quiet zone.

- The Mayor informed us that we are still waiting for dates to meet with someone in authority with the MNCPPC to discuss the various Maryland Park Property related issues going on in town, such as the missing stop sign at the bike crossing, missing building number and “Edmonston Recreation Center” sign that is supposed to be installed on the Rec. Center building, as well as the small located park on 47th Avenue, among other issues.

Council Report:

CM Pooley:

- Informs that the next meeting of the Edmonston Green Team will be on Wednesday, November 20 at 7pm, we will be doing a potluck.

Administrator/Treasurer’s Report:

No report given - Town Administrator on sick leave.

Police/ Code Report

- Chief gives and explains police/ code reports. Announced the hiring of new Police Officer Mr. Patrick Steven Thompson. He starts work on November 25, 2013. He is being hired to replace Officer Burroughs, who has resigned as of November 15, 2013.

Public Hearing of Charter Resolution:

- *Redistricting of Wards*
 - *No comments were made*

Public Hearing of Ordinance Resolution:

- *Ordinance 2013-OR-5 Traffic*
 - New traffic regulations regarding vehicles over five ton limit on Decatur Street.*
 - *Mr. George Martin- Martin Industries (Warehouse owner on Lafayette)*
 - *Ms. Liza Pierce- Warehouse owners on Lafayette) defers her time to Mr. Martin*
 - *Mr. Sajid Chaudhry- Owner of Sunoco Gasoline station on Decatur and Kenilworth Ave.*
 - *All express their opposition to the proposed ordinance that will regulate truck traffic on Decatur, with claims on how the implementation of the ordinance will negatively affect their business.*
 - *Mr. Bernie Meeks- Firewood Factory*
 - *Informs that he has finished with the fencing of the area surrounding the business.*

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. Motion to approve Charter Resolution 13-01 Redistricting of wards. This in accordance with Supreme Court ruling: "one man, one vote" as further defined in Charter resolution CR-13-01, *made by CM Pooley and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
2. Motion to table Ordinance 2013- OR-05 Re.: New traffic regulations on Decatur Street, until further research is done *made by CM Pooley, Second by CM Farrish. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*
3. Motion to approve legislative minutes for the month of October 2013 *made by CM Farrish and second by CM Bee. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor*

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business

New Business:

Cm White questions about the decoration for Town's Holiday party. She expresses her concern if it was going to be voted on.

- Mayor Kerns explains that the discussion was during the work session, and that there's not vote, because the amount to be spent is less than \$3,000. Items that are voted on \$3,000 or more.
- Cm Bee expresses that she is concerned about the amount that will be spent on the party (\$1,600); she finds the amount to be excessive.
- Mayor Kerns explained that the amount is \$600 for labor and up to \$1,000 for supplies to be purchased by town in order to be reused in other events.
- Cm Bee restates the part of the funds should be used in other events, like helping residents that are in need, and not for a party.
- CM Farrish explains it is not just the party, but all that is involved with the event.
- Chief Walker clarifies that the funds have been allocated in the budget for the event, that it is not a new expense. And suggests that we can organize a coat drive as well as maybe cut back on some of the plans for the party. This would result in the funds being split between the party and a coat drive.
- Both CM White and Bee are in favor and agreement of the ideas presented by Walker.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Pooley, second by CM Farrish @ 8:25pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.