

**Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday June 10, 2015**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:10 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Michelle Rodriguez, Police Chief Stephen Walker and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

- b. The approval of the agenda was presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

2. Public Comments:

- a. There were no public comments.

3. Public Hearing:

- a. A public hearing was held to hear comments on the budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Town Administrator Rod Barnes explained the process in which the budget was created and presented. In addition a brief overview of the budget was given as well. There was no public comment.

4. Legislative Actions:

- a. The consideration of a parking ticket review process of Edmonston parking tickets.
 - i. Ordinance 2015-OR-02 establishing a parking ticket review process was presented for consideration.
 - a. Council Member Pooley moved to approve Ordinance 2015-OR-02, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley and Gant.
Nay: Bennett-White
Abstention: Layne-Bee
Motion carried.

- ii. Resolution 2015-01 establishing the Parking Violation Review Process Regulations was presented for consideration.

- a. Council Member Pooley moved to approve Resolution 2015-01, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley and Gant.
Nay: Bennett-White
Abstention: Layne-Bee
Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of ordinance 2015-OR-01 adopting the FY15-16 annual budget for the Town of Edmonston.
 - i. Council Member Bennett White moved to approve Ordinance 2015-OR-02, seconded by Council Member Pooley.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. There was no unfinished business.

6. New Business:

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on May 13, 2015 were presented.
 - i. Council Member Pooley moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2015 regular meeting, seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of the receipt of the May Revenue/Expenditure report and the May Check Register was presented.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Pooley, seconded by Council Member Johnson to accept the May revenue/expenditure report and check register.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

- c. Police and Code Enforcement Report for May.
 - i. Chief Walker explained both reports.
 - a. Council Member Pooley inquired about the decibel level related to our noise ordinance. She has noticed an increase of noise from the Go Kart Track.
 - i. Chief Walker responded that we do have an actual meter but need to train our Code Officer in its use. He indicated that the staff would make an effort to talk to the business owner about the noise.
 - b. Council Member Johnson inquired about what type of device is used to reduce high speed pursuit.
 - i. Chief Walker explained that the device will enhance public safety by eliminating the need for pursuits.
 - c. Council Member Bennett- White inquired if there is a system that officer can access concerning registered parking permits, in order to avoid issuing tickets, when permits come off cars.
 - i. Chief Walkers explained that there is no such a system, because it hasn't happened before.

- d. Council Member Layne- Bee mentioned that All Tune and Lube are still selling cars on their lot. She asked what actions can be taken to stop them and if fines can be issued.
 - i. Chief Walker explained that the case has been referred to the county and to the MVA. The department does not conduct this type of investigation, because it requires undercover investigations and we do not have investigators.

- d. The consideration of approval for a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Institute for Public Health Innovation for a Growing Healthy Communities Grant to adopt a policy for more access to fresh food through urban agriculture.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Pooley, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee to submit the grant application..
 - Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
 - Nay: None
 - Motion carried.

- e. The consideration of approval of a Prince George’s County, Department of the Environment ReLEAF tree grant application for \$5,000 to plant 32 trees in the community was presented.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Layne– Bee, seconded by Council Member Pooley to submit the grant application.
 - Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
 - Nay: None
 - Motion carried.

- f. The consideration of a policy for publishing Council meeting articles in the Town newsletter.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Layne– Bee and seconded by Council Member Bennett- White to approve a policy of recording Council member votes on all action items.
 - Vote:** Ayes: Bennett-White, Layne-Bee.
 - Nay: Johnson, Pooley and Gant
 - Motion failed.

- g. The authorization to request bids for the repair of potholes on Ingraham between 46th Avenue and Lafayette.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Layne– Bee, seconded by Council Member Pooley to request bid for the improvements.
 - Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
 - Nay: None
 - Motion carried.

- h. The report of two closed sessions conducted by the Mayor and Town Council on May 13, 2015 and May 28, 2015 was presented.
 - i. A motion was made by Council Member Pooley and seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the written statement for the closed session held on May 13, 2015 and attach the form to the public minutes of the May 13, 2015 regular Council meeting.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.

7. Council Dialogue:

- a. Council Member Pooley reminded everyone about Dumpster day and Edmonston day.
- b. Town Administrator Rod Barnes reminded the Council that the judges from America in the Bloom will be visiting Edmonston from June 24 till 26. Several events have been planned and the Green Team would appreciate everyone's help in making Edmonston beautiful.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:10 p.m. by Council Member Pooley, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried, Meeting adjourned.

Passed and approved this 15 day of July 2015 by the Edmonston Town Council as the official minutes for the regular Town Council meeting conducted on June 10, 2015.

Tracy Gant, Mayor

Michelle Rodriguez, Town Clerk