

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday February 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.

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, Police Chief Stephen Walker, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Administrator Rod Barnes and Town Clerk Shantay Dabney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

- a. The approval of the agenda was presented for consideration. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the February 8, 2017 agenda.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne-Bee and Bennett-White
Nays: None
Motion carried.

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

3. Presentations: There were no presentations.

4. Unfinished Business:

5. New Business:

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the regular meeting held on January 12, 2017. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on January 12, 2017.

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

- b. The following Edmonston residents were presented for appointment to the Election Board.

- i. Marie Jackson-4802 Hamilton Street
- ii. Byron Hope-4811 51st Avenue
- iii. Audrey Pabs-Gannon-5018 Kenilworth Avenue

Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by Councilmember Layne-Bee to designate Mrs. Marie Jackson, Ms. Audrey Pabs-Gamon and Mr. Byron Hope as Election Officers for the 2017 Town election.

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

- c. The consideration of award of bid for replacement garage doors on the Public Works Building to the low bidder, Service Garage Door in the amount of \$5,369.88. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to award the bid to the low bidder, Service Garage Door for replacement garage doors on the Public Works building in the amount of \$5,369.88.

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

- d. The consideration of participation in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's annual summer mosquito control activities. Councilmember Layne-Bee moved, Seconded by Councilmember Pooley to participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's annual summer mosquito

control program. Mr. Barnes reported the spraying will start on June 5 and end on September 19, 2017.

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

6. **Police Report:** Chief Walker reported that Officer Adams is doing well. He distributed the monthly Police Reports and the annual report for 2016. Chief Walker reported that there is no Code Report and that he is working to hire someone soon. Councilmember Layne-Bee reported that there is still a lot of trash at Capital Companies on 46th Avenue and she also reported a cable wire was still down on Hamilton. Mr. Barnes reported that the Cable company had been notified. Chief also reported All Tunes is selling cars again and they are working to fix the problem. Councilmember Johnson reported work being done next door to All Tune. Chief will investigate the complaint.

7. **Council Dialogue**

- a. Councilmember Bennett-White reported that she attended the Prince George's County Elected Women's meeting and provided highlights from the meeting. She requested an update on Call-A-Bus service. Ms Bennett-White inquired on whether or not minutes are available on the website. Mr. Barnes indicated that they are available. Councilmember Bennett-White also reported sound issues on the cable television stations during the meetings.
- b. Mayor Gant mentioned money being available through Senator Ben Cardin. Mr. Barnes reported information on the Bikeshare Program coming to Prince George's County. The program will start at National Harbor and expand out into other communities across Prince George's County.
- c. Councilmember Johnson discussed trash along Kenilworth Ave and requested that it be a focus area for next clean up day. Councilmember Johnson also mentioned he attended Senator Van Hollen's brunch at College Park airport last month.
- d. Mr. Barnes reported that Community Forklift will be moving forward with a grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust to the CDC to build a parking lot from the National Capital Park and Planning. He also mentioned that Delegate Tarlau introduced legislation that mandates Cities and Towns to recognize employee bargaining groups. The legislation would not apply to small towns under 5,000.
- e. Mayor Gant requested an update on Bates Trucking. Mr. Barnes mentioned that there have not been any recent complaints. Mrs. Layne-Bee reported that a sofa was still at her home but would check after meeting to see if Bates had removed it. Mr. Barnes reported that Bates has started sending a copy of the weekly list for Bulk pickups to the office for monitoring. Mrs. Pooley mentioned that Bates sometimes collects recycling and trash together. Mayor Gant suggested that the staff continue to monitor the service closely. Mayor Gant mentioned the need to support increased Highway User Revenue (HUR) from the State. Mr. Barnes reported that two permits for new homes in Edmonston were issued. Mr. Barnes reported that construction will be starting on Veteran's Park, work being done by AMA Construction at no cost.

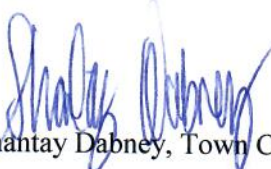
8. **Adjournment:**

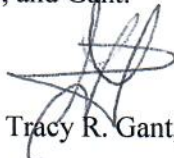
- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:00 p.m. by Councilmember Layne-Bee, seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, and Gant.

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk


Tracy R. Gant, Mayor