

**Town of Edmonston  
Town Council Regular Session Minutes  
Wednesday February 14, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant via teleconference @ 7:10 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Captain Billy Sullivan, and Administrator, Rod Barnes.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor Gant added item f to new business to concerning a \$50.00 per month cell phone allowance increase for Council members. The agenda was approved as amended.

**3. Public Comment:**

- a. Nicole Williams, candidate for District 22 Delegate introduced herself to the Council.

**4. Special Presentations:**

- a. Lisa McDougal, Director of Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development (SEED) for low-to-moderate families addressed the Mayor and Council to provide information on the various programs offered by her organization. She would be happy to partner with the Town on various workshops and activities.

**5. New Business:**

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the work session meeting held on January 11, 2018, the minutes from the Town Council regular meeting on January 11, 2018 and the Town Council closed session held on January 11, 2018 were presented. Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2018 work session meeting, the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 11, 2018 and the closed meeting held on January 11, 2018.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

- b. The consideration of award of bid for Geotechnical Services for the Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant for the 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Rain Gardens and Gutter Replacement to the low bidder, ECS Mid-Atlantic in the amount of \$5,299.00 was presented. Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Turberville to approve the award of bid for Geotechnical Services to ECS Mid-Atlantic in the amount of \$5,299.00.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

- c. The consideration of award of contract to Neighborhood Design Center for the final components of the Crittenden Green Street project in the amount of \$5,200 was presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by



Councilmember Bennett-White to approve the award of contract to the Neighborhood Design Center in the amount of \$5,200.00.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

- d. Mayor Gant reported that the Council had voted to raise the Mayor and Council members monthly cell phone allowance at their last work session. Councilmember Bennett-White moved to approve a \$50.00 increase in the monthly cell phone allowance for the Mayor and Councilmember Johnson seconded it. It passed on a 3 to 0 vote with Councilmember Turberville absent. The raise is effective with the March payment.

Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to make it a policy that when the Mayor and Council are discussing financial issues, any action that would impact the Town's budget will be taken in a regular Council meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Layne Bee  
Motion carried

- 6. Police Report:** Captain Sullivan distributed the monthly Police Report and Town Administrator Rod Barnes presented the Code report. Councilmember Layne Bee indicated that the parking enforcement at Decatur and Taylor street had improved 90%.

#### **7. Council Dialogue**

- a. Councilmember Johnson asked about several expenditures from the check detail. Councilmember Layne Bee also asked about several expenditures listed on the check detail and she requested a report on the Adopt-a-child revenue/expenditures. Councilmember Bennett-White requested information on the expenditures for the Weatherization grant detailing the administrative costs. The Town Administrator indicated he would provide the information.
- b. Councilmember Johnson asked about the Black History program and if a committee was used to develop the program. Mayor Gant responded how the program was determined for this year. It was requested that the Council be consulted on these kinds of events in the future.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40p.m. and to enter a closed session meeting to discuss personnel matters was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Layne Bee, Turberville, Bennett-White  
Nays: None  
Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

  
Rod Barnes, Town Administrator

  
Tracy R. Gant, Mayor