

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

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:12 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 agenda was approved as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne-Bee and Bennett-White
Nay: None
Motion carried.

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Presentations:

- a. A resolution submitted by Edmonston resident Sarah Turberville translated by Karla Casanova was presented for consideration.
 - i. Resolution 2017-R-01: A Resolution of the Town of Edmonston Concerning the Treatment of All Edmonston Residents Equally, with Dignity, and Without Regard to Race, Ethnicity, National Origin, Immigration Status, or Religion
 - ii. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adopt 2017-R-01.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried

3. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

4. New Business:

- a. The Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2017 were presented for consideration. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on February 8, 2017.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.
- b. The introduction of Ordinance 2017-OR-02 amending the Town's Personnel Manual was presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2017-OR-02.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.
- c. The introduction of an Ordinance 2017-OR-01 updating the Town of Edmonston's condemnation process for unsafe structures was presented for consideration. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2017-OR-01.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- d. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the work session meetings held on October 4, 2016, November 1, 2016, January 3, 2017 and February 7, 2017 were presented for consideration. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the Town Council minutes from work session meetings held October 4, 2016, November 1, 2016, January 3, 2017 and February 7, 2017.

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

6. **Police Report:** Chief Walker provided the Council the Police Department's monthly crime reports. He also reported that there was no Code Report and that he is working to hire someone soon. Chief Walker reported that Officer Adams is doing well and is close to being on his own. He also reported that he is working on the Police Budget. Councilmember Layne-Bee requested an update on All Tune Lube. The Chief will provide an update at a later time. Councilmember Johnson reported that Kenilworth 66 has cleaned up their property.

7. **Council Dialogue**

- a. Councilmember Layne-Bee reported that she has been keeping a log of Bates Trash service and reported that they have been coming twice; once in the morning and in the evening on the appropriate days. She reports that they have been consistent and will continue to monitor.
- b. Councilmember Johnson requested that the Town contact the apartment complex on Edmonston Road regarding the rubbish along Kenilworth Ave. He also reports that debris and rubbish are located on both sides and is concerned that it has a negative impact on the Town. Mr. Barnes reported that there is a process for reporting in unincorporated areas; however the Town was successful by going through Councilwoman's Harris' office to have trash removed along Crittenden Street. Mr. Barnes will follow up with the complaint.
- c. Mr. Barnes reported that Edmonston was a finalist with the Chesapeake Bay Program and can win \$5,000 for the Town. Mr. Barnes gave kudos to Kim Knox for winning Best Education and Outreach Program using Bilingual Charettes and persons for planting of trees. Mrs. Pooley inquired on how many groups are in each category; Mr. Barnes reported that there are eight categories.
- d. Mayor Gant requested an updated from Kim Knox regarding "Building our Own Initiative" which will start on March 13, 2017. Kim reported that she met with Principal Bottoms and she requested that parents be present at tutoring. Mr. Garcia and Mr. Rodriguez are volunteering their time with Ms. Knox assisting as well.
- e. Mayor Gant expressed her satisfaction with the landscaping on Kenilworth and thanked Mr. Barnes for having it cleaned up. Mayor Gant also reported that she was pleased with the pots along Decatur Street and reported that the silver box on Kenilworth across from Fountain Park is a problem and should be addressed; Chief Walker will follow up with the complaint. Mayor Gant reported the forming of a Multi-Cultural committee and invited residents to join by contacting Town Hall.

8. **Adjournment:**


- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:10 p.m. by Councilmember Layne-Bee, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk


Tracy R. Gant, Mayor