

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday May 16, 2018 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, Turberville joined via Skype, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Captain Billy Sullivan, Administrator, Rod Barnes, Town Clerk, Shantay Dabney and Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the May 16th agenda as presented.

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

3. Special Presentations:

- a. Mayor Gant performed the swearing in of Police Officer Cindia Torres
- b. The Mayor presented the Town's annual contribution of \$5,000 to the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department

4. Public Comments:

- a. Alex (Julio) Maltez, 4903 Gallatin Street, recommended making changes to current parking restrictions, restrictions around water hydrants and recommended making updates to 461h Ave Park.

5. Old Business:

- a. There was a discussion regarding the hiring of a Police Chief.

6. New Business:

- a. The consideration of the minutes from the April 3rd Town Council Work Session, the consideration of the April 25th Town Council Work Session were considered, the May 1 Town Council Work Session and the closed session meeting held on April 25th All were in favor.

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

- b. The consideration of the minutes from April 11 Town Council regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Turberville to approve the minutes from the April 11th Town Council regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Layne Bee
Abstain: Bennett-White
Motion carried.

- c. The consideration of the approval to renew the Town's General Obligation Bonds with T.D. Bank. A Resolution is needed before approval of the Town's Obligation Bonds with T.D. Bank can be approved. The Resolution will be presented at a future Town Council Regular meeting.

- d. The introduction of ordinance 2018-OR-01 amending the FY17-18 annual budget was presented. Mr. Barnes presented the amended budget to include the updated grant amount. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee to amend the FY 17-18 annual budget as presented.

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

- e. The introduction of ordinance 2018-OR-02 adopting the FY18-19 annual budget was presented. Mr. Barnes discussed the changes made to the FY18-19 budget at the Council work session. Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adopt the FY 18-19 budget with the changes recommended at the work session.

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

- f. The consideration of agreement with Shepherd Energy for the Weatherization grant. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to consider the agreement with Shepherd Energy for the weatherization grant with additions as outlined in the new agreement.

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

- g. **Police Report:** Captain Sullivan distributed the monthly Police Reports

h. **Council Dialogue**

- a.* Councilmember Johnson mentioned the trash behind the gas station in the wooded area. Mr. Barnes mentioned that Code Enforcement is on top of it. Both the State and County has been contacted to come and clean the area.
- b.* Councilmember Bennett-White mentioned that Bladensburg PTSA held a Security Panel at Bladensburg High School to discuss how safety could be improved in the school and the community.
- c.* Councilmember Layne Bee requested an update on Decatur Street bids for the temporary repair. Mr. Barnes mentioned that the bids will be presented at the July meeting. Councilmember Layne Bee also requested an update on the Scholarships. Mayor Gant provided update.
- d.* Mr. Barnes reported that the Town Hall restrooms are currently out of order. He reported that the employees are dealing with the inconvenience.
- e.* Councilmember Turberville requested that the current FY 18-19 budget to include line items be added to the website for residents. She also reported that the Town has written over \$1 million in successful grants during the last three years. She indicated that this grant revenue represents 20% of the Town's budget.
- f.* Mayor Gant reported that the PGCMA meeting is Thursday at Riverdale, Mount Rainier Day is Saturday and provided an update on the Maryland Black Mayor's Gala. The

Town will attempt to provide two scholarships.. Mayor Gant also requested names of students graduating.

g. Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk reported upcoming Town events.

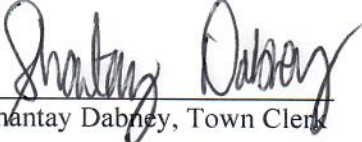
i. Adjournment:

a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. was made by Councilmember Layne Bee, seconded by Councilmember Turberville.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Layne Bee, Turberville, Bennett-White

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk



Tracy R. Gant, Mayor