

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday July 12, 2017 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:15 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Chief Stephen Walker and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson. Absent: Rod Barnes, Town Administrator and Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

3. Public Comments:

Donata Bryan, 4811 Hamilton addressed the Council. She spoke to the Council about concerns with noise, parking and mentioned that when she calls Town Hall at 4:30pm no staff is present.

DeWayne Montagee, 53rd Place, Hyattsville addressed the Council regarding kids running around without nothing to do and wanted to know if there are any programs such as sports for the youth. Councilmember Johnson mentioned that there was a program; however, there was no involvement. Councilmember Johnson advised Mr. Montagee to connect with other organizations in the area.

Valerie Jones-Rucker mentioned the Summer Camp and invited the Mayor and Council to stop by and see the camp. Councilmember Bennett-White mentioned that she stopped by earlier in the day and that she thought the camp was nice.

4. Old Business: There was no old business

5. New Business:

a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the special meeting held on June 6, 2017. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to approve the special meeting minutes held on June 6, 2017.

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

b. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the regular Town Council meeting on June 14, 2017. Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve minutes from the Town Council meeting held on June 14, 2017.

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

c. The consideration of declaring two old police vehicles as surplus property and authorize the listing of them for disposal on govdeals.com. was presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, Seconded by Councilmember Turberville to declare two old police vehicles as surplus property and authorize the listing of them for disposal on govdeals.com.

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

d. The consideration of approval to enter a lease agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company for one new Police Vehicle was presented. Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by

Councilmember Turberville to enter into a lease agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company for one new Police Vehicle.

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

- e. The consideration of agreement with Opto Traffic to acquire parking ticket handheld devices and use their processing of citations, which will begin phasing out Complus Data was presented. Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Turberville to amend paragraph two of the agreement with Opto Traffic to acquire parking ticket handheld devices and for the use of their processing of citations.

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

- f. The consideration of entering a replacement/ maintenance agreement for our Tasers was presented. Councilmember Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to enter into an agreement for the replacement/maintenance of our currently aging Tasers.

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

6. Police Report:

- a. Chief Walker presented the Chief's Award to Officer Zavion Adams
- b. Chief Walker promoted Master Officer David Young to Corporal.
- c. Captain Sullivan presented Private Rahman with his promotion to Private First Class. Mayor Gant thanked the Officers for their hard work and dedication and thanked Chief Walker for his service to the Town of Edmonston. Councilmember Bee thanked the police officers and Chief for his service to the Town. Councilmember Bennett-White thanked the officers and acknowledged our diverse staff of officers; she thanked the Chief for his service. Councilmember Johnson congratulated the Officers on their promotions and thanked Chief Walker for his service. Councilmember Turberville thanked the police officers and Chief Walker for their service to the Town.

7. Council Dialogue

- a. Councilmember Layne Bee reported receiving angry calls by residents regarding noise complaints and suggests that the Town do something effective. Councilmember Layne Bee mentioned that National Night Out would be a good way to come and recruit kids to play sports around Town.
- b. Councilmember Bennett-White reported that she attended the Maryland Municipal League dinner and sat with Public Works Employee, Steve Ramsey and Council Member Johnson. She indicated she was looking forward to getting to know the Public Works staff better. Ms. Bennett-White mentioned to Mr. Montague that she will check and send information regarding different programs for youth.
- c. Councilmember Turberville mentioned how exciting it is to offer sports to the children in the Town of Edmonston.
- d. Mayor Gant reported July 19th is the Green Team meeting, 7/26-28 AIB judges will be visiting and judging the community, giving awards and touring around the Town. August 1, 2017 is National Night Out and the Town Offices will be closed for Labor Day. There will be no Council meeting in August unless there is an emergency.

- e. Councilmember Johnson requested an update on Port Town's Day. Mayor Gant reported that the four Mayors will meet to discuss how to move forward with planning.

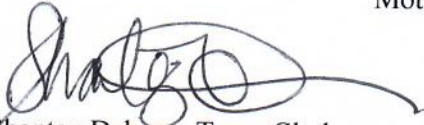
8. Adjournment:

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. and to enter into a closed session meeting to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected officials was made by Councilmember Layne Bee, seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk



Tracy R. Gant, Mayor