

**Town of Edmonston
Mayor and Town Council Legislative Session
Monday, July 10th 2013**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerns at 7:05 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Robert Kerns, Town Administrator Guy Tiberio, Chief Stephen Walker,
Council Members: White, Bee and Pooley.

Excused: CM Farrish

Mayor Kerns led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Motion made by CM Pooley, second by CM White. Agenda approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerns reports:

- The town's main telephone number continues to be out of service. We have been working with Verizon to get all lines switched to fiber optics, but this process is not simple, because it is a government account with special pricing.
- The Kenilworth / SR201 project has been delayed. We haven't received a definitive reason, but will be inquiring as to why.
- National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 6th, 2013.
- We received two thank you cards from the young ladies who were recognized by the Port Towns Youth Council.

Council Report:

CM Pooley:

- Green Team update: she informs that the town will not be able to obtain the Sustainable Maryland Certification this year. The certification is based on points, points that are earned by documentation, and things done as a town. The pending information has much detail and the deadline is fast approaching.
 - Mayor Kerns inquires what can be done in order to meet with the deadline. Mr. Tiberio responds that the information that is pending requires detailed responses, as well as different policies are needed.

As much as we are interested in it the town does not have enough staff or time to dedicate to just this project.

CM White:

- Attended the MML Convention in Ocean City and was able to go to Webpage training class. She expresses that would like to see our webpage more appealing, with more information and asks if we can have someone committed to work on the design and well as uploading of information.
 - Chief Walker comments that we do have lots of information on the page; the major problem is that we do not have enough staff to work on the page. It is time consuming, and with everything else, that occurs or needs attention working on the webpage get pushed down the list. He mentions that Sgt. Hartnett has worked hard on the page as well as himself.
 - CM Pooley mentions that she is willing to work on the page, but it is based on the server and to access it she must be physically at the town hall. The page needs to be more accessible.
 - The Chief responded that a method has been established to share access remotely and access will be granted to Ms. Pooley and others.

CM Bee:

- Attended the convention as well, and was able to go to various seminars. It was very informative.
- Mentions that she has been monitoring the trailers on Taylor Road, the traffic has decreased significantly.
- Concerned about the lack of use of seatbelts around town, would like to see more enforcement.

Administrator/Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Tiberio informs:

- Signs for Decatur Street are worked on. Together with Former Mayor Ortiz we have been working with the contractor "Signs by Tomorrow" in finalizing the wording and the layout.
- Had a meeting at Prince George's County Department of the Environment to inquire about the funding for the ponds that were approved. We are still awaiting a response.
- Will be having a meeting with representatives of the DER, to inquire about the storm drain project that has been on hold for the last 2 years. Drains that are to be replaced are on Decatur to Crittenden, on Buchanan, and on 49th Ave.
- Received notification that the CDBG project that we submitted was denied. The town does not have enough low-income residents to qualify.

- TD Bank offered the town the option of a new bond for the addition to the building. Tiberio informed them that the Town is not interested in a bond, that we are interested in a loan, for which the bank requested documentation that will be submitted.
- The Maryland Legislative session passed a new bill for an additional one time funding for highway user. For us to obtain this funding an agreement was required that the funds were to be used appropriately. It is important to keep in mind that we may not receive highway user funds in the next 2 or 3 years.

Police/ Code Report

Chief Walker gives and explains both police and code reports

- CM White: mentions that she has been noticing several houses placing their bulk trash out on the wrong days. Would like to see a reminder of the procedures in the newsletter. She asks how the Town deals with these situations.
 - Chief response that Officer Kuenzli is very diligent in pursuing violators and obtaining compliance of our ordinances. First a reminder/ notice is given, then if the homeowner fails to put articles inside then a citation is given per day for the offense.

Public Comments

No public comments

Action Items for Legislative Meeting

1. Action to approve resolution 2013 R -07, in support of our next project request for a Community Legacy grant application for Fy 2014. Motion to approve made by CM Bee and second by CM Pooley. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
2. Approve rebate of five thousand dollars to Sonco Worldwide Inc.: Re. Penalties. Motion to approve made by CM Pooley and second by CM White. Motion passed, Mayor Kerns in favor
3. Action to introduce ordinance 2013-OR-04 Re.: Enacting section 9B: Vacant Building(S) and Vacant Lot Registration to the Town of Edmonston Code Chapter 9: Building Code. Ordinance introduced.

Unfinished Business:

- CM White inquires if the Town has finalized a contract with a landscaper.
 - Mr. Tiberio informs that he has ask two company's to submit their proposals, and is still awaiting response
- CM Bee mentions:
 - Since the town is offering retirement, we should reconsider the amount of employer contribution that is paid towards the employee's medical plan.
 - Would like to receive minutes of previous last meeting before next meeting.

New Business:

- Chief Walker mentions that he will be going tomorrow, July 11th, to Annapolis to serve on a committee, and be part of a bill signing for the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County.
- Mr. Stephen Hilton requested to address the Mayor and Council to ask for permission to use the Rec. Center for a fitness program free of charge for a month.
 - Request approved, Rec. center can be used as long as it does not interfere with the youth program that takes place on Monday's, and that the center is cleaned after the use. Mayor Kerns suggest that Mr. Hilton coordinate with Clerk Rodriguez for dates.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by CM Bee, second by CM Pooley @ 8.25pm

Motion Approved, Mayor Kerns in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.