

**TOWN OF EDMONSTION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER; Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 5:48 pm with Council Member Johnson, Layne Bee, Turberville and Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson present. Council Member Bennett-White was absent. The staff present were Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averi Gray and Captain Billy Sullivan.
- II. AGENDA REVIEW: The agenda for the April 10 Town Council regular meeting was reviewed and approved.
- III. The Council met with Attorney Dan Lynch who represents owner Cindy Williams of Electric Guard Dog, the fence provider for several locations where electric fences are proposed to be installed in Edmonston. They include Alley Cat Towing which was installed on the Buchanan Street property. It was the position of Electric Guard Dog that the meeting was to discuss approval of the set-back and a variance on the height requirements as provided by the County's Zoning Board for the installation of fences in two locations in Town. When asked what further direction were given by the Zoning Board, Guard Dog admitted they were to receive Town approval for the set-back and height variance but failed to do so prior to the installation of the first fence.

Further discussion ensued with Electric Guard Dog on the importance of procedures being followed and the safety factors regarding the fences. According to Electric Guard Dog, the volt of current the fence emits was deemed to be like twice the amount of a "static electricity shock". It was also indicated that there is general liability insurance in the amount of six-million dollars. Council did not approve Electric Guard Dog's request permitting the set-back or height variance for either location. It was also proposed that the Town should consider initiating an ordinance to restrict electric fences in the Town.

The Police Dept. was queried on the extent of incidents occurring at Alley Cat and the second location on Buchanan as a result of customers retrieving their vehicles. The Council was informed that over the past few years, several attempts were made to retrieve towed vehicles and in one case the fence was rammed causing \$6K in damage. Sgt. Young added that there were more incidents that occurred on towing companies located on Buchanan Street than companies located on Lafayette Street. He had not responded to any calls regarding the electric fence at the Buchanan Street location.

IV. The Council met with TMG Construction to discuss construction solutions for water damage to the Public Works/Police Storage Building. Their proposal would be to bring up the floor base without disturbing the roof or walls structure. This would include drilling into areas underneath the floor and injected with grout filler which would stabilize and level the floor. There was queries on the types of fillers used; the use of foam; what was the estimate on cost breakdown; and if it was a 50/50 split between materials and labor; and how long would this solution last. Would the water issue be completely resolved which can only be determined after a significant rainfall and at that point if it is still an issue, adding a French drain to divert water flow would be suggested.

V. Review Proposed Agenda for April 10th Meeting

The introduction of ordinance 2019-OR-02 establishing the FY 19-20 annual budget and setting the tax levy for real property and business personal property was approved.

The consideration of approval of the following minutes: Work Session, March 13, 2019 with revisions adding discussion researching the use of part-time Prince George's County Police Officers. In addition, Council Member Layne Bee suggested amending the Regular Council Meeting 13, 2019 to include changing the computer services in the budget to be IT support costs; adding that the staff would review lease of the copier versus purchase costs; adding how the Decatur Street project is funded in the budget; and changing Bennett-White to Layne Bee for introducing an item.

VI. ADJOURMENT: At 7:00 pm, there being no further business, Mayor Gant adjourned the work session meeting.

Averi Gray, Town Clerk

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

