

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 8, 2023 (Via Zoom Teleconference)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Betsy McCauley, John Johnson and Sarah Turberville, Town Administrator Rod Barnes and Town Clerk Averil Gray. Acting Chief Eric Beale and Council Member Hilary Chester were absent.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and was followed by a moment of silence.
3. Public Comment: Dr. Renatte Dallas 5302 Lafayette Place expressed concerns about traffic and noise in the industrial area. She reported that refrigeration truck(s) running all night are extremely loud and suspects that these businesses are not following noise restrictions as set by the Towns' code. Administrator Barnes offered the Pennoni traffic study due April 1st should provide options regarding traffic in the area and increased enforcement by the Police Department should decrease the noise level. Also planned are meetings with Riverdale Park to discuss how both Towns can deal with this noise compliance issue.
4. Old Business
 - a. The re-consideration and introduction of ordinance 23-OR-01 amending the town's Code of ordinances, Chapter 285 concerning Property Maintenance addressing exterior paint peeling, chipped and/or discolored paint was presented.
Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to amend the ordinance concerning property maintenance.
Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried
5. New Business
 - b. Minutes
 - i. February 8, 2023, Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - ii. February 8, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes Session 1, and Session 2.
 - iii. February 8, 2023, Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the February work, regular session and closed session meeting minutes. Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Johnson, Turberville
Nays: None
Motion Carried
 - c. The final consideration of ordinance 23-OR-03 amending the Town's Code of Ordinance, Chapter amending Chapter 34, Elections, deleting voter registration by the election officers or the Town Clerk was presented.

Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to amend the ordinance concerning voter registration by the election officer or Town Clerk.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Police Department Report (Police and Code Enforcement) – No report provided as Acting Police Chief Beale is away at a conference.

7. Town Administrator Report (General Government and Public Works) – Rod Barnes reported on upcoming Spring events – Casino Night, Dumpster Day, Picture with the Easter Bunny and partnering with Eco City Farms for a planting/seed swap event April 22nd. The recreation center is getting a paint job and new floors in time for the PGCMA meeting on 3/16/23.

8. Council Dialogue

Council Member Johnson reported potholes on Crittenden and junk cars parked by Forklift

Council Member Turberville met with A/Chief Beale to discuss concerns about accountability.

9. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Gant reported the PGCMA wrote a letter to support FBI moving to MD. The State's Attorney met at Suitland H.S. about a program on gun violence where the mayor served as moderator. A new program to help reduce gun violence is being recommended for Bladensburg H.S. Melinda Mendoza became Pres/VPGCMA due to the resignation of the College Park mayor.

10. Closed Session -

11. Adjournment

At 7:41 p.m., Council Member McCauley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: McCauley, Johnson, Turberville

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mayor, Tracy Gant

Town Clerk, Averi Gray