

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

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:12 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Administrator Rod Barnes and Town Clerk Shantay Dabney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.

- a. The approval of the agenda was approved as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne Bee and Bennett-White
Nays: None
Motion carried.

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Presentations: There were no presentations

3. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business

4. New Business:

- a. The Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on March 8, 2017 were presented for consideration. Council Member Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Pooley to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on March 8, 2017.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.
- b. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the March Town Council work session held on March 7, 2017 and the FY17-18 Budget Work Session held on March 28, 2017. Council Member Bennett-White moved, Seconded by Councilmember Pooley to approve the minutes from the Town Council work session held on March 28, 2017.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.
- c. The consideration of Ordinance 2017-OR-02 approving the revised Personnel Policy Guidelines Manual was presented. Councilmember Layne-Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to table the consideration of Ordinance 2017-OR-02 approving the revised Personnel Policy Guidelines Manual until the May meeting.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- d. The consideration of final approval of Ordinance 2017-OR-01 updating the Town of Edmonston's condemnation process for unsafe structures. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Ordinance 2017-OR-01.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne Bee and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- e. The consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between Prince George's County Office of Human Resources Management and the Town of Edmonston to enter the County's Youth @

Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to enter into agreement with Prince George's County Office of Human Resources Management Youth @ Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program.

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

- f. The consideration of award of bid for the purchase of a 500 gallon water tank trailer to the low bidder, Wylie Sprayers, Oklahoma City, OK in the amount of \$6, 295.00 (Budgeted in the FY16-17 Budget). Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee to award of bid for the purchase of a 500 gallon water tank trailer to the low bidder, Wylie Sprayers, Oklahoma City, OK.

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

- g. The consideration of award of bid for the purchase of 4 in car police video cameras at a cost of \$3,900. (Budgeted in the FY 1617 Budget). Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember to approve the purchase contingent upon providing the Town Attorney with answers to questions for Chief Walker.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, and Gant
Nays: Bennett-White, Layne Bee
Motion carried

- h. The consideration of award of bid to the low bidder, Konica Minolta for the lease purchase of a new copier at a 48 month lease purchase cost of \$133.00/month. (Budgeted in the FY 16-17) Councilmember Bennett-White moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to award the bid to the low bidder, Konica Minolta for the lease purchase of a new copier at a 48 month lease purchase cost \$133.00/month subject to the review of the contract by the Town Attorney.

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

- i. The consideration of contracting with Civic Plus to redesign the Town's website at a cost of \$3,500. Councilmember Pooley moved, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee to contract with Civic Plus to redesign the Town's website at a cost of \$3,500.

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

6. Police Report: There was no police report

7. Council Dialogue

- a. Councilmember Layne Bee reported that she will be speaking with 4th grade students at Thomas Stone Elementary regarding the importance of local government. She reported that kids are engaged and that this was an appropriate time to speak with kids regarding election procedures.
- b. Councilmember Bennett-White requested an update on the Parking Ticket appeal process. Councilmember Bennett-White also requested an update regarding the home at 5014 47th Avenue. Mr. Barnes mentioned that he will obtain information on the daughter of the lady that lived there from the Police Chief.

- c. Councilmember Johnson reported that trees haven't been cut along Kenilworth Ave. He also mentioned that State Highway Administration was on Kenilworth Avenue; however he was uncertain as to what they were doing. Councilmember Johnson reported he attended the Pet Waste Meeting and provided a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting. He indicated the Town would be receiving pet waste stations to be installed around the community. Mr. Barnes also attended the meeting and reported that the Town of Edmonston is one of seven pilot communities for the program.
- d. Mr. Barnes reported that Kenilworth Ave. project is up and running through the fall and will focus on paving from Riverdale Road to Kenilworth Towers. He also reported that PEPCO has identified 26 trees on Lafayette and Kenilworth Ave. that will be removed. They will plant replacement trees in the Fall.
- e. Mrs. Pooley reported about the Green Team initiatives regarding Adopt a Planter Program. Mrs. Pooley also reported that she would like to interview Election Candidates in a blog format to get the news out to residents. Mr. Barnes reported that a Meet and Greet was scheduled with candidates and Suellen Ferguson mentioned as long as same questions were asked of each candidate; the profiles could be posted on the Town's website.
- f. Mayor Gant requested that all Veterans contact Town Hall for the Veterans Park Rededication ceremony. Mayor Gant also invited everyone to the Key Bridge Foundation Community Circle which will help to bring the community together. Mayor Gant mentioned that the Staff and Council will have a training session facilitated by the Key Bridge Foundation focusing on conflict resolution. Mayor Gant reported that Easter Senior Meals on Wheels would be delivered on April 14th.
- g. Councilmember Bennett-White requested an update on the Port Towns Quarterly Meeting; Mr. Barnes mentioned that the meeting will be held on April 24, 2017 hosted by Town of Edmonston. Councilmember Bennett- White also reported that Bladensburg High School has a food market every 4th Tuesday from 5-6pm for the Port Towns communities; it was also reported that the market includes fresh vegetables and to bring your own bag. She also mentioned that she invited Abel Ovivo with the Port Towns CDC to come attend the meeting as well. She invited Mr. Michael Hurst to attend the meeting as well to find out information on the house at 5014 47th Avenue..
- h. Mr. Barnes reported that the Town received a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration for weatherization in the amount of \$81,434. He reported that it will help about 15 homes directly with weatherization needs.

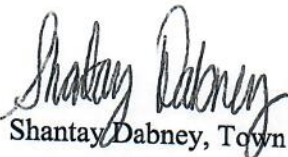
8. Adjournment:

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:31p.m. by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to adjourn the Town Council meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Layne-Bee, Pooley, Bennett-White, and Gant.

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk


Tracy R. Gant, Mayor