

**Town of Edmonston**  
**Town Council Regular Session Minutes**  
Wednesday October 11, 2017 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:10 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, Police Captain Billy Sullivan and Rod Barnes. Absent: Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gant.  
Moment of silence

**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:**

Vicky Kautz, 5101 Crittenden Street discussed concerns regarding the safety of her children at the neighborhood park on Crittenden. Two juveniles have been causing problems in the Crittenden neighborhood. She also was concerned about speeding on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and a problem with people coming from Buchanan and trespassing on her property.

**4. Special Presentations:**

- a. **Mayor Gant swore in new Police Officer Dedreck Baxter.**

**5. Old Business: There was no old business**

**6. New Business:**

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the work session meeting held on September 5, 2017 was presented. Council Member Layne Bee moved, second by Council Member Johnson to consider the Town Council work session minutes from September 5, 2017.

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

- b. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the regular Council meeting on September 13, 2017. Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to consider the Town Council minutes on September 13, 2017.

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

- c. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the Closed Session meeting on September 13, 2017 was presented. Council Member Layne Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve the Closed Session minutes on September 13, 2017.

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

- d. The consideration to move \$100,000 from the Town's Operating Fund to the Town's Investment Account (Reserve Fund). The current balance of the Investment Account is \$415, 117.66.

Councilmember Turberville moved, seconded by Councilmember Bennett-White to move \$100,000 from the Town's Operating Fund to the Investment Fund.

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

- e. The consideration of application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund a portion of the summer Environmental Camp in the amount of \$7, 864 for 4 weeks of \$11, 858 for a period of 6 weeks was presented. (Grant application deadline is October 12, 2017). Councilmember Turberville moved to approve the application. Motion died for lack of second motion.
  
- f. The consideration of application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide streetscape for Crittenden Street in the amount of \$126,607 (Grant application deadline is October 12, 2017) Councilmember member Layne Bee moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to consider the application for streetscape on Crittenden Street.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee  
Nays: none  
Motion carried.
  
- g. Councilmember Turberville presented a second motion to approve an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund a portion of the summer Environmental Camp. Motion died for lack of a second.

**7. Police Report:** Captain Sullivan distributed the monthly Code and Police Reports

**8. Council Dialogue**

- a. Councilmember Bennett-White asked for an update on blighted properties including the house on Hamilton Street and the fire damaged house on Taylor Road. She inquired about the cost of repairing the Admin car used by the Mayor. She stated that the staff needs to follow the purchasing ordinance and bring anything costing over \$3,000 to the Council for approval.
  
- b. Councilmember Layne Bee inquired asked about the parking situation at Elizabeth's Landing and the ability of the Town to enforce parking.
  
- c. Councilmember Turberville mentioned having a successful Law Enforcement Forum and indicated one suggestion was to offer a signing bonus for Spanish speaking Officers. She also asked about the regulations for residential parking on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
  
- d. Councilmember Johnson reported that cars are parked on Emerson Street that don't have parking decals. He said the State Highway needs to look at the traffic lights at Kenilworth and Decatur Streets. They are not timed correctly for pedestrians.
  
- e. Mayor Gant reported that Mr. Johnson was named "Community Champion," and Edmonston received a national Environmental Criteria Award from America In Bloom (AIB). The Town received a "4" bloom rating out of "5". The Town also received an award from the Prince George's County Beautification Committee for Veteran's Park. She complimented the Police Department for the event they hosted for the Light up the Night for Domestic Violence.


**9. Adjournment:**

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m. and to enter into a closed session meeting to discuss personnel matters was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Layne Bee.


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

Nays: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk



Tracy R. Gant, Mayor