

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:04 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Police Chief Stephen Walker, 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 presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Pooley to approve the November 9, 2016 agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Layne-Bee, Gant

Nay: None

Motion carried.

2. Public Comment:

a. Matt Wixon, 5200 46th Avenue Owner of Bookstore Movers introduced his moving company to the Town.

b. Barbara Newton Boone, 4705 Hamilton addressed the Council regarding the Board of Election's use of the Recreation Center and repairs needed to the Recreation Center.

3. Presentations:

- a. Mayor Gant recognized the winners of the Halloween Yard Decorating Contest with gift cards.

i. 1st Place, The Crook Family, 4709 Decatur Street

ii. 2nd Place, The Yazdani Family, 4804 52nd Avenue

iii. 3rd Place, The Doyle Family, 5204 Emerson Street

b. Robert (Bob) Diss with Lindsey + Associates, LLC presented the FY 2015- FY16 annual audit report.

4. Unfinished Business:

5. New Business:

- i. The Town Council minutes from the regular meeting on October 12, 2016 were presented for consideration. Council Member Pooley moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes of the Town Council regular meeting on October 12, 2016.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

b. The considerations of acceptance of the October check register and the revenue/ expenditure reports.

- i. Councilmember Layne-Bee discussed concerns regarding the register, will contact Mr. Barnes.

- ii. Council Member Pooley moved to accept the October check register and the revenue/expenditure reports seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, and Gant.
Abstain: Bennett-White
Nay: Layne-Bee
Motion carried.
- c. The consideration of approval to pay the semi-annual bond payment for the Decatur Street Improvement project in the amount of \$23,437.07.
 - i. Council Member Bee moved to approve the payment of \$23,437.07 for the Decatur Street Improvement project, seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- d. A report from the Town Administrator on the donation of 30 planters from Metro Paving to be placed at various locations throughout the Town of Edmonston was presented.
- e. The consideration of agreement to pay for the usage by Edmonston residents for the Port Towns Transportation Service operated by Town of Colmar Manor was presented.
 - i. Council Member Bennett-White moved to enter the agreement in its substantiate form presented subject to final approval of the Town Attorney, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant.
Nay: None
Motion carried.
- f. The consideration of renewal of agreement with Kimberly Knox as Program Coordinator for the Port Towns Community Health Partnership for 1 year ending May 18, 2017.
 - i. Council Member Layne- Bee moved to approve the agreement with Kimberly Knox as Program Coordinator for Port Towns Community Health Partnership, seconded by Council Member Pooley.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee, Gant
Nay: None
Motion: carried
- g. The consideration of resolution 2016-08 in support of the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY2017 Maryland Energy Administration EmPOWER LMI Communities Grant Application and DHCD Sustainable Communities –Community Legacy Grant Application.
 - i. Council Member Pooley moved to approve resolution 2016-08 in support of Community Legacy and DHCD grant applications, seconded by Council Member Layne-Bee.
Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Pooley, Bennett-White, Layne-Bee and Gant
Nay: None
Motion carried.

6. **Police Report:** Chief Walker distributed the monthly Code and Police Reports.

- i. Council Member Bennett-asked about offering a Police Dispatch/Communication system for residents to report police emergencies. Chief Walker indicated that type of system would be too costly.

7. **Council Dialogue**

- a. Council Member Bennett-White asked for a donation from the Town of Edmonston for Bladensburg High School PSA International Night in an effort to bring parents together.
- b. Mayor Gant presented the Town with an Award of Excellence for safety and claims management from Chesapeake Employers Insurance.
- c. Mayor Gant reported Dumpster/Shred Day on November 19, 2016
- d. Mayor Gant reported annual Christmas Tree lighting on December 3, 2016
- e. Council Member Bennett-White mentioned the Towns Election will be held next year.
- f. Mayor Gant requested to have "For Sale" properties posted at Town Hall.

8. **Adjournment:**

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:10 p.m. by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White.

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

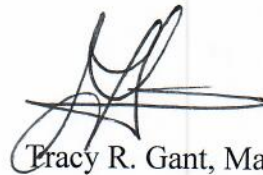
Nay: None

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2017 as the official minutes of the Town Council of the Town of Edmonston, Maryland.



Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk



Tracy R. Gant, Mayor