

Town of Edmonston
Town Council Regular Session Minutes
Wednesday January 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:35 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Bennett-White, Police Captain Billy Sullivan, Administrator, Rod Barnes, and Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson. Excused Absent: Layne Bee and Turberville

The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was led by Mayor Gant.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. Public Comments:

Crystal Washington with M-NCPPC talked about various programs offered by M-NCPPC. Council Member Johnson asked if she could check on installing larger grills at the Edmonston Recreation Park.

A resident living at 4803 51st Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council about requesting restricting parking on 51st Avenue between Decatur and Crittenden by instituting permit parking. Mayor Gant indicated there was a petition process for requesting this and directed her to contact the Town Administrator for assistance.

4. Special Presentation

Captain Sullivan presented Corporal David Young and Officer Cappriccizio Spriggs for promotion to Sergeant and PFC respectively.

5. Old Business:

a. Mike Clar, Town Engineer reviewed options with the Council for repairing Decatur Street. Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White to direct the Town Engineer to prepare the necessary specifications to bid the Option 3 repairs.

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

6. New Business:

a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the following meetings was presented: Council Work Session meeting held on November 14, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, November 14, 2018, Special Council Meeting on December 12, 2018, Closed Session Council Meeting on December 12, 2018 and Council Work Session, held on January 8, 2019. Council Member Johnson moved, second by Council Member Bennett-White to consider the Town Council minutes as presented.

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

- b. The consideration of refinancing the Town's General Obligation debt with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Council Member Bennett-White moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to refinance the Town's outstanding General Obligation debt.

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

7. **Police Report:** Captain Sullivan distributed the monthly Police Report. Town Administrator Rod Barnes gave the monthly Code Enforcement Report and a report from Andrew Jones, Chesapeake Bay Trust Conservation Corp Volunteer.

8. Council Dialogue

- a. Council Member Bennett-White asked about a problem with resident Deena Muffley on Crittenden concerning her grant project. Town Administrator Rod Barnes indicated that it had been resolved and the work was to be completed in the next 2 weeks.

Council Member Bennett-White requested a copy of the electrical bids for the installation of the electric vehicle charging station.

- b. Mayor Gant reminded Council that the policy for use of the Recreation Center was 3 times annually for Council Members. The Council Chamber should not be used for outside meetings consistently or to circumvent the policy.

9. Adjournment:

- a. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Bennett-White.

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

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Rod Barnes
Acting Town Clerk