

**Town of Edmonston**  
**Town Council Regular Session Minutes**  
Wednesday February 13, 2019 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gant @ 7:00 pm. In attendance: Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee, Police Sergeant David Young, Administrator Rod Barnes, and Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson.

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

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Council Member Turberville moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**3. Special Presentation**

Mayor Gant presented a \$100 gift card to Mr. Doyle, 5204 Emerson Street for winning the Christmas Decoration contest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Nick Peters at 4707 Decatur Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 4901 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**4. Public Comments:**

Robert Duran, 5301 Decatur, Prince George's County addressed the Council on the issue of parking on 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Mr. Duran asked restricted parking could occur on the street. The Town Attorney indicated that the Council could look at doing that, but the residents were in the County and could not petition for it. Mayor Gant asked Sergeant Young to work with a Parking Task Force to review parking throughout the community.

**5. Old Business:**

**6. New Business:**

- a. The consideration of the Town Council minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting were presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, second by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the Town Council minutes as presented.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Bennett-White

Nays: None

Abstain: Layne Bee, Turberville

Motion carried.

- b. The consideration of the Town Council closed session minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup> closed session meeting were presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, second by Council Member Bennett-White to approve the closed session minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Turberville

Motion carried.

- c. The consideration of the Town Council work session minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> work session meeting were presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, second by Council Member Turberville to approve the work session minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- d. The consideration of the Town Council closed session minutes from the February 5th meeting were presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, second by Council Member Turberville to approve the closed session minutes from February 5th.

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

- e. The consideration of agreement with Ecosite, Inc. for on-call engineering services was presented for consideration. Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville to approve the agreement as submitted.

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

7. **Police Report:** There was no police report. The Town Administrator gave the Council a Code Report.

**8. Council Dialogue**

- a. Council Member Layne Bee asked about enforcing the loading zone at the corner of Decatur and Taylor in front of Full Citizenship.
- b. Council Member Bennett-White recently attended a PGC Elected Women’s meeting. One of the items discussed was compliance with the Open Meetings Act concerning a designating a staff person or elected official as being trained in the Act. She wondered who the Town’s designated person was since the Town Clerk had resigned. Council Member Johnson is the designated backup and has been trained appropriately. Ms Bennett-White also requested that she wanted to review with the Town Attorney ordinances that the Town is not following. It was suggested that a list be put together and forwarded to the Town Administrator for review prior to being sent to the Town Attorney in order to keep costs down.
- c. Council Member Turberville asked if the Town Administrator would check out the reasons for a zoning variance on a lot located on Emerson Street. She was concerned about the site line of the properties on the street. In addition, she asked if there was a list of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission programs available at Town Hall. Copies are available.
- d. Council Member Johnson received the report from the State Highway Department that reviewed the Decatur/Kenilworth intersection. They noted no changes were required. Mr. Johnson suggested further discussion occur with them. He also discussed a problem with trash along Kenilworth between Fountain Park Apartments and Elizabeth Landing.
- e. Mayor Gant reminded the Council about the PGCMA joint meeting with Montgomery County at the Maryland Municipal League on Tuesday, February 19 at noon.

**9. Adjournment:**

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

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

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor

Rod Barnes  
Acting Town Clerk