

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11 2001 and for the victims of the hurricane.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2017 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **POLICE OFFICERS' OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor James gave the Oath to two of the Town's new Police Officers.
- VI. **7-11 PRESENTATION TO EXPLORER SCOUTS:** Seven Eleven representatives presented a check for \$711 to Bladensburg's Police Explorer scouts.
- VII. **INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN WEBSITE:** Town Administrator Sandlin gave an overview of the new Town website, explaining the wealth of information that will now be available, in a user friendly format.
- VIII. **Text to Sign Up You Tube:** The video, featuring Mayor James, was played, encouraging the community to sign up for Town updates and other critical, timely information.
- IX. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** This was a time for recognition of Mayor James' tenure, highlighting all his accomplishments and showing a video of remembrances from his friends, constituents and colleagues.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)**
- XI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS** were given on highlights of last month's activities.
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Ficklin
Mayor James
- XII. **STAFF REPORTS: (Written reports are available)**

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none)

XIV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Council Discretionary Fund Distributions: Mayor James asked that his \$500 be given to the Washington Rowing School. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Ficklin requested that \$25 be given to each of the schools in Bladensburg, from his funds, and \$100 be given to the Seniors Against Stalking Violence. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XV. NEW BUSINESS (none)

Resolution 1-2017: To Support MDDHCD and MEA Grants: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the Resolution; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XVI. MAYOR JAMES' CLOSING REMARKS: Mayor James reviewed his time in office and the accomplishments of the Town during his tenure.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at 9:10 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk