

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 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, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** was given
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **AMENDED AGENDA:** Mayor James requested amendments to agenda to forgo Mayor, Council and staff reports, and add approval of Town Grants, summer playground program, and Council Project allocation of funds. Council Member moved to approve the amended agenda, Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the May Council Meeting Minutes as presented; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve the June 1st Special Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. **“WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME” ESSAY CONTEST:** Students from Town elementary schools read their winning essays and were awarded Certificates of Congratulations from the Mayor along with gift cards.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the audience were given the opportunity to speak on issues of interest to the community.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None Scheduled.
- IX. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

Town Grant Awards: The grant committee recommended awarded three grants for \$1000 with stipulations:

Council Member Mendoza moved to grant \$1000 to Endtime Harvest Ministries with stipulations as recommended; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Council Member Bridgeman moved to grant \$1000 to We Lead by Example with stipulations as recommended; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Council Member Ficklin moved to grant \$1000 to Endtime Harvest Ministries with stipulations as recommended; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed four to one, with Council Mendoza opposed, after a roll call vote.

Adoption of Budget and Real Property Tax Rate: Ordinance 3-2017: Following the seconded reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Ficklin moved to adopt 3-2017; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed four to one, Council Member Bridgeman opposed, after a roll call vote.

Summer Playgrounds: Council Member Hall moved to re-allocate \$500 in the FY 17 budget toward costs for students to participate in the Summer Playgrounds program; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Council Projects: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to allocate the following funds for individual Council Projects:

Council Member Hall: \$100 for Endtime Harvest Ministries;

Council Member Ficklin, \$200 for Endtime Harvest Ministries, \$200 for Lead by Example, and \$100 for Artistic Empowerment.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 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