

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Bridgeman was absent.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** There was a moment of silence in remembrance of recent victims of natural and manmade events..
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2017 Council Meeting:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced the Mayor and Council held a closed session on October 5th to discuss personnel issues and get legal advice. No actions were taken.
- VI. **MAYOR TAKISHA JAMES' WELCOMING REMARKS:** Mayor James thanked voters who supported her during the recent election and for those who participated in the process. She looks forward to working with the citizens and staff to keep the momentum going on all the great things the Town is moving forward with.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)** The Mayor entertained comments and concerns from the audience.
- VIII. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities that they participated in during the month of September 2017.
Council Member Ficklin
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Hall
Council Member Mendoza
Mayor James
- IX. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave last month's updates by Department. Copies of the report are available through the Town Clerk's Office.
Public Works
Public Safety
Code Enforcement
Finance
Town Clerk
Town Administrator
- X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none)**
- XI. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS (none)**
- XII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Police Canine Grant: Officer Luciotti presented information on the Police K-9 Canine Grant the Town was awarded through the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation for the amount of \$12,000. Officer Luciotti

applied for and received the funding to acquire and train a Labrador Retriever to assist in searches. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve accepting the grant for the canine officer; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further Council Meeting business, at 8:15 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat A McAuley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk