

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Dorsey, and Ficklin present. Council Member Mendoza was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the Opening Prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 4, 2018 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced the Closed Session, originally scheduled at the end of this evening's Worksession, was postponed due to lack of sufficient time prior to the 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting.
- VI. **OATH OF OFFICE: New Police Officers:** Mayor James gave the Oath of Office to Officers Sanchez and Thompkins.
- VII. **CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY:** Recognition of the graduates will take place during National Night Out.
- VIII. **INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER INTERNS:** Mayor James announced the hiring of two summer interns to assist the Administrative Office and the Marketing Coordinator.
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)** The Audience was given an opportunity to comment on Town issues.
- X. **AUGUST RECESS:** Mayor James announced there will not be a Council Worksession or Council Meeting during August. She state the Council voted to approve an August recess during the Worksession held previous to the Council Meeting.
- XI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of June 2018. A copy of the Mayor's written report is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website

**Council Member Dorsey  
Council Member Ficklin  
Council Member Bridgeman  
Mayor James**

**XII. STAFF REPORTS:** Copies of written reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website.

**Code Enforcement**  
**Public Works**  
**Public Safety**  
**Finance**  
**Marketing**  
**Town Clerk**  
**Town Administrator**

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE SCHEDULED)**

**XIV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**Approval of Community Development Block Grant PY 43 Contractor:** Council Member Dorsey moved to approve E&R contractors for the Sidewalk Improvements on Tilden Road; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Approval of Paving Contract at 58 Avenue and Emerson Street:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve VMP as the contractor for improvements on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Emerson Street as long as the firm can provide a warranty for its work; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.\*

**Approval of Purchase Portable Electric Sign:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve a maximum of \$17,000 to purchase a portable electric sign; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff will acquire prices for speed cameras and portable lighting options and present to the Council for discuss at a future Worksession..

**XV. NEW BUSINESS (NONE SCHEDULED)**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:45 p.m., Council Member Ficklin moved to adjourn; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley  
Town Clerk

\*Note. This contract award is now under reconsideration.