

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2019 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, Lundy and Mendoza present
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Lundy gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 10, 2018 Council Meeting minutes:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **RECOGNITION OF OFFICER HAWKINS:** Chief Stone recognized Officer Hawkins for his actions while handling a potentially danger situation at a local restaurant. The incident involved a male with a steak knife in which Officer Hawkins was able to calm the situation without any escalation. Chief Stone noted Officer Hawkins is committed to all the Department's community and mentoring programs.
- VI. **2018 Year in Review: Town Administrator Sandlin** gave an overview of the Town staff's accomplishments during the past year. She summarized initiatives and events including: Colvin Institute's master plan for Annapolis Road, the Summer Intern program, the signature event "Fireworks" celebration, two visits by Maryland's Lt. Governor, Black History Month's African American Literature event, the Port Towns' booth at the MML conference, and the Annual Yule Log celebration. She continued her review citing the increase in the Town's social media presence, successful grant funding, the Public Safety Day event, the COPS program, and the Public Safety Awareness campaign.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker):** The audience was given the opportunity to speak on issues of interest to the Town.
- VIII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of December 2018. A copy of the Mayor's written report is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website.
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Lundy
Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Dorsey
Mayor James

- IX. STAFF REPORTS:** At the meeting, written copies of Staff Departmental updates on activities of interest during December 2018 were available. Additionally, copies of the 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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 3-2018: Charter Revisions: It was moved by Council Member Lundy and seconded by Council Member Dorsey to approve Resolution 3-2018 to repeal and replace the Town Charter as presented: The motion passed with Council Members Dorsey, Lundy and Mendoza, and Mayor James in favor; Council Member Bridgeman opposed.

XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

CDBG Agreement PY 44: Spring Road Street Improvements: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the Agreement as presented; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Discretionary Funds:

Council Member Lundy requested \$250 for GATTC (Guardian Angel Transforming Christian Counseling Services). Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the request; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Mendoza requested \$200 for Joe's Movement Emporium. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve the request; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fireworks 2019: Contract Approval: Council Member Dorsey moved to approve the contract with Image Engineering for the Fireworks display, 2019; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Long Guns Purchase: Council Member Lundy moved to authorize use of Seized Assets funds for purchase of eight long guns, ammunition, training and personal equipment; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed with Council

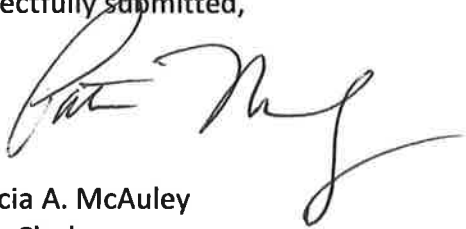
Member Dorsey, Council Member Lundy and Mayor James in favor; Council Member Bridgeman and Council Member Mendoza opposed.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1-2019: Amendment to Town Ethics Law: Town Clerk McAuley gave the first Reading of the Ordinance.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat McAuley', written in a cursive style.

Patricia A. McAuley
Town Clerk