

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

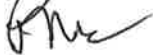
- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Dorsey and Mendoza present. Council Member Lundy was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor James gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2018 Council Meeting minutes:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced there was a Closed Session during the March 11th Worksession to discuss contractual issues. Council took actions during the closed meeting.
- VI. **INTRODUCTION AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE OFFICERS:** Chief Stone introduced new Police Officers Perez, Spriggs and Murphy and COPS program staff person Ms. Brooks. Mayor James issued the Oath of Office to Officers Spriggs and Murphy. (Officer Perez had been sworn in at an earlier date.)
- VII. **FISCAL YEAR 2019 FIRST SEVN MONTHS' REVIEW:** Treasurer Tinelli gave a seven months' synopsis of fiscal year 2019 financials. The Town reached 66% of its revenue goals. Personal Property and Income Tax revenues came in strongly. Expenditures were in line with the fiscal year calendar.

Mr. Tinelli presented a three-year cash flow graph for the Town which indicated a healthy financial position.
- VIII. **48TH AVENUE: UPDATE ON MEETING WITH MDOT:** Code Director Rinehart reported he and Public Works Forman Hall met with MDOT District 3 representatives to observe and discuss remediation of stormwater and traffic safety concerns. MDOT agreed to clean drains at 48th Avenue and Quincy St. and determine if there are structural failures of the pipes. They also agreed there are hazardous parking issues on 48th Avenue and traffic engineers will be assigned to study and recommend solutions for traffic safety.

Additionally, Quincy St. sidewalk improvements are back in the pipeline. In fact, the project is in the bidding process. An upcoming meeting is scheduled for the Town and MDOT to discuss this project.
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)** The audience was given the opportunity to speak on issues of interest to the Town.

- X. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of February 2019. A copy of Mayor James' and Council Member Lundy's written reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website
- XI. **Council Member Mendoza**
Council Member Dorsey
Council Member Bridgeman
Mayor James
- XII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave departmental reports of activities during the month of February 2019. Written copies of Staff Departmental updates were made available at the meeting. Additionally, copies of the reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website.
Code Enforcement
Public Works
Public Safety
Finance
Marketing
Town Clerk
Town Administrator
- XIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.
- XIV. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**
- Town Grants:** The Town's grant program supports non-profits which benefit Town residents. Qualified organizations were encouraged to apply for this funding. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve increasing individual grant awards to \$2000 in FY 20; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- XV. **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- XVI. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:10 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. McAuley
Town Clerk