

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Dorsey, Lundy and Mendoza present. Council Member Bridgeman arrived shortly thereafter.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** was given by Council Member Lundy.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 2019 Council Meeting:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **“WHAT THE FLAG MEANS TO ME” ESSAY CONTEST:** Students from Rogers Heights and Port Towns Elementary schools read their winning essays and were given Certifications of Congratulations and gift cards by the Mayor.
- VI. **Quincy Street/48th Street Improvements:** Michelle Burkell, State Highway Administration, gave an update on improvements to Quincy and 48th Streets, a project that came at the request of the community. There is now design funding for upgrades to include improved drainage, ADA compliance, sidewalks on the south sides of the streets, and improved curbing adjacent to Bostwick. As the design work progresses, there will be funding requested in the State Highway Administrations budget for construction. She emphasized community involvement is instrumental in securing funds for this project.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)** Members of the audience were given the opportunity to comment 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 May 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
Council Member Lundy
Council Member Dorsey
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Mendoza
Mayor James
- IX. **STAFF REPORTS:** Written copies of Staff Departmental updates on activities of interest during May 2019 were made available at the meeting. 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

Town Clerk

Town Administrator

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE SCHEDULED)

XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Ordinance 2-2019: To Adopt Budget & Set Real Property Tax: Following the seconded reading by the Town Clerk, Council Lundy moved to approve the Ordinance as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Discretionary Funds:

Council Member Lundy's request: \$250.00 for GATCCS. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Mendoza's request: \$150.00 for Save the Peace Cross and \$150.00 for We Lead by Example. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Bridgeman's request: \$500.00 for the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Dorsey's request: \$500.00 for We Lead by Example. Council Member Bridge moved to approve; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor James' request: \$500.00 for Elizabeth Seton Summer Arts. Council Member Lundy moved to approve; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed with four votes to approve and the Mayor abstaining due to her personal connection to the school.

Approval of FY 2019 Auditor, Lindsay and Associates: Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve the accounting firm to perform the FY 2019 audit; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emergency Ordinance 4-2019: Capital Funds Transfer: Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Lundy moved to approve the Ordinance as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed four to one, with Council Member Bridgeman being the dissenting vote.

Town Grants: Following an overview by Mr. Tinelli of the grant process and the four applications, separate votes were taken on approval of the grant awards:

End Time Harvest Ministries: Council Member Lundy moved to approve a grant award of \$2,000; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion. The motion failed with Council Members Dorsey and Lundy in favor and Council Members Bridgeman and Mendoza and Mayor James opposed.

We Lead by Example: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve a grant award of \$2,000; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Council Members Dorsey, Lundy and Mendoza and Mayor James in favor; Council Member Bridgeman opposed.

Shine: Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve a grant award of \$2,000; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Council Members Dorsey, Bridgeman and Mendoza and Mayor James in favor; Council Member Lundy abstaining because of her personal connection to the organization.

Christian Council: Council Member Lundy moved to approve a grant award of \$2,000; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Vote to Approve Council Member Lundy's Summer Intern Project: Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve Council Member Lundy's unpaid intern project with a student from the Langley Park International High School; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed with Council Members Bridgeman, Dorsey, Lundy and Mendoza in favor; Mayor James opposed.

Resolution 1-2019: Support of Community Legacy Grant Applications: Council Member Lundy moved to approve the Resolution as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:45 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley
Town Clerk