

**Town of Bladensburg
Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2019@ 7:00PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7PM with Council Members Blount, Lundy and Route present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Lundy gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES:** Council Member Route moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2019 MINUTES: Mayor James stated Council Member Mendoza asked to be excused from the meeting due to a family commitment. Council Member Lundy moved to approve the absence of Council Member Mendoza. Council Member Route seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

V. POLICE OFFICER PROMOTIONS

Acting Chief Collington facilitated the promotion ceremony of the following officers to the rank of Corporal:

- Corporal Maria Ramirez
- Corporal Mahir Ayoub
- Corporal LoQune Brown
- Corporal Michael Vichic

Mayor and Council provided congratulatory remarks to the new corporals. Mayor James motioned for a 5-minute recess to dismiss guests and resume the meeting at 7:19PM. The motioned was approved by Council Member Lundy. Council Member Route seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Mayor James recognized three of the Town's team members for their contributions to the Town. Those recognized included:

1. Erick Watson – Employee of the Year
2. Shaun Rhinehart – Civilian of the Year
3. Corporal Maria Ramirez- Officer of the Year

Mayor and Council provided congratulatory remarks to recipients.

- VII. GRANTS UPDATE:** Interim Clerk Cunningham provided an update on the various grants the Town has been awarded; grant applications submitted and funding opportunities for the council to consider.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**
- IX. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Due to time, the Mayor and Council did not provide updates. The Mayor's report will be available on the Town's website.
- Council Member Mendoza
 - Council Member Route
 - Council Member Lundy
 - Council Member Blount
 - Mayor James
- X. STAFF REPORTS:** Due to time, the staff did not provide updates. Staff reports will be available on the Town's website.
- Code Enforcement
 - Public Works
 - Public Safety
 - Finance
 - Town Clerk
 - Town Administrator
- XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:** Council Member Route provided the proposal regarding the Harriet Tubman Museum to request the approval of \$275 from her discretionary funds, as well as \$275 from Council Member Mendoza's funds. Council Member Lundy approved the motion. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blount and was passed unanimously.
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:15PM Council Member Route motioned to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blount and was passed unanimously.

Submitted Respectfully By:
Cecile K. Cunningham
Interim Town Clerk