

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
February 10, 2014 5:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Brown moved to approve the January 2014 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Legal Issues: Council Member Mendoza moved to Close the meeting to meet with the Town Attorney on Legal Issues; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At the conclusion of the Closed Meeting the Worksession was reopened.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grant Update: Standard Solar: Sgt. Flynn reported that the grants award from MDDHCD has the final phase of a three year collaborative project. He is hoping to get approval for a preferred vendor, Select Energy. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve contracting with Select Energy for this phase of the project; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Food Policy: Town Administrator Moss, in keeping with our Community Health Initiatives, distributed a Town Food Policy for review.

Travel and Professional Development Funds: Council Member Ficklin requested approval to use his Profession Development funds to attend three leadership training courses. Council Member Brown moved to approve the funding for the courses; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Project List: Council Member Ficklin stated that the List was a good marketing tool, promoting our projects and accomplishments and asked everyone to be more diligent with updates.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There is an upcoming STEM Fair at Rogers Heights E.S.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: At 6:45 p.m., there being no further business, Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
February 10, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the Opening Prayer
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the January Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the appointment of Renee' Webb and Lorna Tanahill to the Recreation Council; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. **Report of Closed Session:** Mayor James reported that the Council met earlier in the evening in Closed Session to receive legal counsel from the Town Attorney.
- VII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mendoza reported that citizens should direct County inquiries to 311 on their phones.

Council Member Brown thanked participants in the first of the Mayor & Council's Quarterly Community Forums. She reported that plans are well on their way for a Black History Month Celebration and Program at the Publick Playhouse on February 15th.

Council Member Ficklin talked about the minimal participation of parents (especially fathers) in the local schools.

Council Member Hall thanked Council and staff for all the help and knowledge she is receiving in her role on the Council.

Mayor James spoke about the upcoming trash toter pilot program. He attend the Buck Lodge Event with President Obama about Safe Routes to Play. He lauded the STEM program in our local schools.
- VIII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Updates were given by Department. Copies are available through the Town Clerk
 - Public Works**
 - Public Safety**
 - Code Enforcement**
 - Finance**
 - Town Clerk**
 - Town Administrator**
- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished Business.
- X. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Mendoza requested \$200 from his discretionary funds for Earth Day T-shirts. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emergency Ordinance 1-2014: Budget Amendment: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve Ordinance 2-2014 for funding of the COPS program; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident was impressed by the Council Forum. Earth Day is April 5th, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Council Member Ficklin announced that he had been approved in the Worksession to take three leadership courses. Council Member Brown reminded those that need smoke detectors to call 301-864-SAFE.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:45 p.m., there being no further business, Council Member Brown moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk