

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, Hall, Mendoza and Bridgeman present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Hall moved to approve the January 2016 Council Meeting minutes as presented: Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per speaker)**

Mr. Julian Ivy, spoke on Council Member Bridgeman behalf to agree that a Town Attorney needs to be present but overall thought this meeting was held with dignity.

Ms. Melendez thanked Public Works/Code and all staff for their good work during the blizzard storm. She also spoke on: agenda with no items: The County Exec.'s Budget and the County money that the Town should apply for.

Mr. Weitz stated that the Mayor and Council Member Ficklin gave good reports and thinks that money should be given to the Bladensburg High school for their exercise room along with other upgrades. He also stated that because of the liquor store hours there has been more crime and fights, more street lights are needed in and around the town.

Ms. Knox commented on the Community Fair Health Fair coming up on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-4pm and wants the Mayor, Council and community to participate hand outs were passed out of the event. Mayor James invited her to come to speak more on the Health Initiative.

Mrs. Peck spoke about B5 and announced the new initiative to have the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 11-1pm at the Town Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the evening at 7pm, the first evening meeting being held at Elizabeth Seton. She also announced the B5 Resource Fair coming up in April.

Mr. Carson hoped that this upcoming year will be better, more items on the agenda in advance and more complete agenda. Mayor James suggested that the Council would take that under advisement.

Ms. Burno – Chair of the Ethic Committee is a concerned that there has been no induction for the Ethics Committee. She also expressed that there is no emergency plan for the children and elderly when it comes to food distribution at the neighboring schools.

Ms. Brown thanked Public Works and the Police Dept. for their snow removal efforts. Ms. Brown stated that this is her 4<sup>th</sup> request from Council Member Bridgeman to present a plan for the tax cut of 20% he campaigned on she is waiting for an outline! Mayor James had to use his gavel to bring the meeting back to order.

VI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mayor and Council gave reports on their previous month's activities and updates on happenings of not to the community.

VII.

Council Member Bridgeman  
Council Member Hall  
Council Member Mendoza  
Council Member Ficklin  
Mayor James

VIII. **STAFF REPORTS** are available on the Website, electronically or at the Clerk's Office

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (none listed)

X. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS** (none listed)

XI. **NEW BUSINESS** (none listed)

XII. **Notification for Ward II for next meeting for the Community Forum to go out**

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn, Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Ms. Diane Griffin, Town Secretary