

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Hall moved to approve the January 9, 2017 worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Parking Survey: Town Administrator Sandlin presented a draft letter to the residents along with a survey on parking issues. She recommended that the Town should make sure it has the citizens' support prior to spending money on a costly parking study and program. Mayor James said that data from a survey would be instrumental in making a decision on whether or not to fund a study. This study will be sent to all residents and will ask for individual addresses. It was generally agreed that the Parking Committee would be included in the survey process.

Council Member Ficklin moved to move forward on reviewing the survey questions and providing input prior to the March worksession; Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Ficklin-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Grant Process: Treasurer Tinelli presented a draft form for applicants for Town Grants. This process is being revised to ensure more consistency and fairness in selection for these awards. All input from the Mayor and Council should be received by the end of February to vote for approval at the March worksession.

CAD MOU: Acting Police Chief Stone reported that this agreement does not delineate money up front but sets up ground rules for costs that will most likely be incurred during this fiscal year. The Treasurer reported that monies will be taken from seized funds and not from the General Fund. There will be no need for a budget amendment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Election Process: 44-1: Absentee Ballots and 44-2 Campaign Financing: Mayor James thinks these proposed Ordinances are an opportunity to be proactive and help make the process more transparent. Council Bridgeman announced he will fight these proposed laws as making it more difficult for people to run for office and to

vote. Council Member Ficklin felt the laws were fair across the board. The Ordinances will be introduced in March.

MOU Port Towns Call a Bus to include Edmonston: Mayor James said he would like to see the proposed MOU before the Council votes to approve the agreement.

V. ADJOURNMENT: At 6:35 p.m., Council Member Bridgeman moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk