

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** was given by Council Member Ficklin.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2016 Council Meeting:** Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Delegate Fennell spoke about the goals toward clean energy, jobs, public safety and education
- VI. **COUNTY 311 Program:** Jennifer Hawkins updated the Mayor, Council, Staff and audience on how this system operates and took suggests and concerns from the citizens.
- VII. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced that there was a closed session during the earlier worksession to discuss legal and public safety issues.
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The Mayor entertained comments from the audience including parking, grants, and community communications.
- IX. **TOWN PARK IMPROVMENTS:** Lt. Flynn reviewed the entire process and community communication that went into the lengthy planning, funding, and construction of the park adjacent to Town Hall
- X. **JUDGES OF ELECTION APPOINTMENTS:** Town Clerk McAuley announced the need to appoint Supervisors of Elections, the application process and the duties of these individuals.
- XI. **2016 YEAR IN REVIEW-PUBLIC SAFETY:** Acting Chief Stone gave a review of crime statistics, Department events, and other issues of interest to the community.
- XII. **2016 YEAR IN REVIEW-CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart gave a review of Code Enforcement's efforts during the past year and areas that they have jurisdiction.
- XIII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mayor and Council gave updates on last month's meetings, events and other issues they were involved with that would be of interest to the community.
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Ficklin
Council Member Mendoza

Mayor James

- XIV. STAFF REPORTS:** Oral staff reports were eliminated due to the length of the meeting. Written reports are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on the website.

Public Works

Treasurer

Town Clerk

Town Administrator

- XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none scheduled)**

- XVI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS (none scheduled)**

- XVII. NEW BUSINESS (none scheduled)**

- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 9:10 p.m., Council Member Ficklin moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.