

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
January 13, 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 Ficklin moved to approve the minutes of the December 2013 Worksession as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Brown moved to approve the minutes of the December Closed Session as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- Recreation Council:** Council Member Ficklin had distributed names of two candidate for the Rec Council: Rene' Webb and Leona Tanahild. Council Member Brown is in the process of reformatting the By-Laws. These appointments will be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.
- Library Update:** Town officials will schedule a meeting with the new County Council President to discuss the gap in services. The Mayor will follow up on setting this meeting.
- ATHA Request for Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration Day Funding from Town:** The Town will ask Mr. Marcavitch for more details on the benefits of a funding contribution toward to Commemoration Day activities.
- Closed Session: Contract Negotiations:** It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the worksession to go in Closed Session. The Mayor and Council then approved reconvening the Worksession.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements were entertained about upcoming meetings and events of interest.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:45 p.m., Council Member Brown moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 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, and Hall present. Council Member Mendoza was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor James gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the December 2013 Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **Report of Closed Session:** Mayor James reported that there was a Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations.
- VI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Brown announced the first community forum with Mayor and Council would be by January 25th at 10 a.m., Town Hall.
Council Member Ficklin reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King celebration.
Council Member Hall announced the upcoming Black History Month celebration.
Mayor James talked about the importance of parents being involved in the schools.
- VII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave reports by Department. Copies are available in the Front Office or electronically.
 - Public Works**
 - Public Safety**
 - Code Enforcement**
 - Finance**
 - Town Clerk**
 - Town Administrator**
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no Unfinished Business.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizens had questions about trash collection and leaf collection procedures. There were comments about the reference to our "Holiday" Tree.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:25 p.m., Council Member Ficklin moved to adjourn; Council Member Brown Seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk