

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
May 9, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Ficklin was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the April Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Vote: Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** President Katz reported that the Department is hoping to purchase a new truck with a cost of \$500,000. The Department answered over 6000 calls last year.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Budget Discussion:** Treasurer Tinelli gave highlights of the proposed FY17 budget that includes full staffing, purchase of four (4) police vehicles and a public works truck. The Community Resource Center will hire a part time civilian employee. Dash and Body Cameras for Police Officers are not in the budget. Health insurance for employees was calculated up by 4%.

Mayor James proposed including \$12,000 for the Fire Department - \$7000 from the General Fund and \$5000 from Mayor & Council Professional Development.

He reported that the Port Towns' Community Health Partnership has asked for \$7500. Town Administrative Sandlin recommended that, if approved, this amount would be paid in quarterly installments

Council Member Mendoza moved to approve \$12000 for the Bladensburg Vol. Fire Dept. and \$7500 for the Port Towns' Community Health Partnership in the FY 17 Budget; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Port Towns' Community Development Corporation has requested \$15,000 in FY 17. Mayor James stated that the PTCDC is in a transitional period with no operational capacity. It was further noted that there has been no audit for FY 15.

Council Member Hall moved not to give any funds to the PTCDC until a FY 15 favorable audit is completed and a list of deliverables is designated. Council

Member Mendoza seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Nay, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed 3 to 1.

**Port Towns Youth Scholarships:** Mayor James recommended specifying scholarships would be for Bladensburg students, only, and would limit the total amount to \$1000. He would like to see a Town scholarship program in the future. Council Members Mendoza and Bridgeman were again that plans as they cited that there are already a number of scholarships available in the community that go unused due to lack of applicants. Council Member Hall moved to approve \$1000 for scholarships for the Port Towns' Youth Council. The motion died for a lack of a second.

**Community Grant Applications:** Treasurer Tinelli submitted a list of applicants to the Mayor and Council and ask them to determine the recipients and the individual dollar amounts.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**Green Team: Introduce Resolution and Announce Appointed Members:** Town Administrator Sandlin announced her nominees for the Green Team, all of whom have portfolios with "Green Experience". The resolution will establish the new Green Team and will be voted on at the Council Meeting to follow.

**Vendor Extension for MEA Awards:** Lt. Flynn requested an extension of twenty (20) days for the vendor. Council Member Hall moved to approve the extension; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

**Vendor Selection for MDDHCC Awards:** Lt. Flynn requested vendor from a sole source, Bigbelly Solar, that is the only manufacturer of this specific product. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve this vendor; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

**Council Report Time Limits:** Mayor James, in the interest of time, and allowing the Council to focus on priority issues, recommended Mayor & Council reports be limited to five (5) minutes each. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the five minute limit; Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Nay, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed 3-1.

**Election of LGIT Board Members:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve Zaleski, Mayor Gant and Tomasello to the Local Government Insurance Trust Board. Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed

unanimously.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:45, there being no further Worksession business, Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk