

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 12, 2016 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **KEIFFER MITCHELL, JR., SENIOR ADVISOR, DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR** gave an update on things happening in Governor Hogan's Office. He named Steve McAdams as a resource person for the Town to contact.
- VI. **RECOGNITION OF STAFF FOR PORT TOWNS' DAY AND POLICE AWARDS:** Mayor James recognized Police Officers and staff for special events programs and assistance.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per speaker)**

Mr. Joe Harris voiced support for a modest refundable deposit for groups using Town facilities.

Ms. Sojourn asked the status of the Parking Committee. She requested larger one way signs at the east end of Upshur St.

Ms. Laney requested looking at other options for fees to use Town Hall.

Mr. Weitz asked about the Town Hall use policy.

Ms. Melendez thanked Officer Calloway for his presentation to B5. She asked about that statement made about selling Mango Café. Mayor James stated there was no decision made to sell the property.

Ms. Kim Knox announced the drive for school uniforms for Rogers Heights.

Ms. Sharon Westman thanked the Police Department for ensuring that the Homecoming Parade was able to proceed on Annapolis Road.

Mr. Carlson thanked the Mayor for his earlier words.

Ms. McCutcheon reported on Bully prevention.

- VIII. **ECONOMIC/REDEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION:** Town Administrator Sandlin gave a powerpoint over view of the redevelopment process.
- IX. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Town Treasurer presented the audience with the first FY 17 financial numbers and forecast.
- X. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council Member Hall attended the Homecoming Parade and luncheon with Sec'y Gill.**

**Council Member Mendoza took food to a community shelter, wore a pink tie to support breast cancer awareness, and paid the deposit for the scouts to use Town Hall.**

**Member Ficklin thanked staff for support with the Sec'y Gill meeting, attended Port Towns' Day and met with staff at the Security and Exchange Commission about a job program.**

**Council Member Bridgeman "thinks differently" and will do future reports accordingly.**

**Mayor James thanked Council Member Ficklin for arranging the meeting with Sec'y Gill. He was made aware of a free CDL training program. He announced the Anti Bully walk and the Road to Re-entry event on Dec. 2.**

**XI. STAFF REPORTS: (available on Town website and at the Town Clerk's Office)**

**Public Works**

**Public Safety**

**Code Enforcement**

**Treasurer**

**Town Clerk**

**Town Administrator**

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none)**

**XIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS (none)**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS (none)**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:10 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Patricia A. McAuley**