

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023 7:00pm
This meeting was held virtually via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Chief Sumner, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor James presented the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member McBryde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Blount which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

December 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Blount to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read 2 public comments from Town residents Carletta Lundy and Susan McCutchen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department Request: Ambulance Funding

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded to approve ambulance funding to be provided to the fire department for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance in the amount of \$261,117.00 using ARPA funding.

Town of Bladensburg Security Camera Rebate Program

Council Member Route presented this item regarding a security camera rebate program. It was discussed to create a database of residents who have security cameras to help with crime management. It was determined that an amount to be budgeted would be \$500.00 for 100 homes (50 per ward) for a total of \$50,000.

Ordinance Reading: Budget Amendment related to ARPA business and non-profit assistance

Town Clerk Charnovich read the emergency budget amendment ordinance into the record. A motion was made to approve the Ordinance 4-2023 by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation approval of emergency road work that was completed on Taussig Road

Town Clerk Charnovich presented this item related to the emergency road work. Mr. Charnovich stated Mr. Hall sought multiple bids for the project, only 1 bid was obtained. Mr. Charnovich informed the Mayor and Council that the emergency road work needed to be done.

Mayor James indicated she needed to leave the meeting to attend an emergency housing meeting in Ward 2.

Fantastic Fireworks Proposal for July 2023 Show

This item was approved in conjunction with Ordinance 4-2023 that was approved earlier in the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Town Treasurer submitted his written report, but he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Chief Collington provided his report.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart provided his report.

Town Clerk and Interim Town Administrator Charnovich provided his report.

Public Works Supervisor Mr. Hall submitted a written report, but he was not in attendance at the meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Brown– Ward 1

Council Member Brown provided her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde did not provide a report.

Council Member Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount provided her report.

Council Member Route – Ward 1

Council Member Route provided her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James needed to leave the meeting to attend an emergency housing meeting in Ward 2.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

