

**Town of Bladensburg  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2019@ 7:00PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**-Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7PM.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER**- Mayor James
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **IN ATTENDANCE**  
Mayor James, Council Members Lundy, Mendoza Blount and Route were all in attendance.
- V. **AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**  
Mayor James made a motion to amend the agenda and move the proclamations and presentations  
up. Council Member Mendoza motioned to accept the amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion was approved.
- VI. **DISTRICT 47 PROCLAMATION FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Senator Augustine and Delegate Fennell recognized new Council Members Blount and Route with citations from District 47 as they assume their roles as Town Officials.
- VII. **RECOGNITION OF CHIEF STONE**  
Mayor James welcomed and introduced Senator Augustine, Delegate Fennell and Council Member Ivy to present Chief Stone with proclamations from District 47, well as the County Council office on his pending retirement. Remarks were shared and Chief Stone was thanked for his commitment to the Town of Bladensburg, as well as for his efforts around policing.  
  
The Mayor and Council, as well as staff also shared remarks regarding Chief Stone's tenure with the Town and his leadership over the police department and the overall team.
- VIII. **BATES RECYCLING PRESENTATION**  
Bates conducted a presentation on recycling where she encouraged and educated the Town on reconditioning how recycling is perceived; and how we can reduce and reuse waste.
- IX. **RECOGNITION OF OFFICER VICHICH FOR SECURING LOW JACK FOR POLICE VEHICLES**-  
Chief Stone recognized Officer Vichich for his efforts in helping to secure low jacks for the police car. Seven (7) low jack systems have been installed to date, with 13 more

underway over the next few weeks. Town Administrator Sandlin road with Officer Vichich and saw first-hand how the system operates.

**X. CLOSED SESSION MEETING NOTIFICATION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The Mayor informed the community that the Mayor and Council entered into a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**XII. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS-** The Mayor and Council unanimously decided to forgo reports to respect the meeting time.

- Council Member Mendoza
- Council Member Route
- Council Member Lundy
- Council Member Blount
- Mayor James

**XIII. STAFF REPORTS-** Town Administrator Sandlin passed on the opportunity as well for the staff to provide reports.

- Code Enforcement
- Public Works
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Marketing
- Town Clerk
- Town Administrator

**XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Mayor made a motion to approve moving forward with Ordinance 5-2019, for Town Administrator Sandlin to execute a contract to install speed cameras. Council Member Lundy motioned to accept the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blount. Council Members Mendoza and Route expressed concerns regarding the Ordinance, stating that the Town should explore other vendor options, as well as provide additional data to further substantiate the need for the speed cameras. The Council took a vote, where the motion carried.

- Route- No
- Mendoza- No
- Mayor- Yes
- Blount- Yes
- Lundy- Yes

**XV. NEW BUSINESS (need letter from Sumner to include issue brought to Mayor and Council)**

Chief Sumner with the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department asked to address the Mayor and Council regarding. Council Member Route motioned to amend the agenda and permit the Chief to address the Mayor and Council under new business. The motion was approved.

**XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Administrator Sandlin announced that cake would be served after the meeting to celebrate Chief Stone's retirement.

**XVII. ADJOURMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lundy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cecile K. Cunningham  
Interim Town Clerk