

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday October 30 ,2017. At the Town of Alberta Office with Vice Mayor Mable Wynn presiding.

Council Members Present:

William Holmes
Freida Peterson-Weddington
Richard Ozmore, Jr.
Mable Wynn
Armenta Stamps

Council Members Absent

Thomas Mabry

Residents & Visitors Present

Fire Chief, Buddy Hyde	George Daniels	Chief of Police, Michael Brown
Bill Hudson	Rebecca Mullins	Town Attorney, Joseph Whitby
Sylvia Allen	Toni Celaya, Town Clerk	

Call to Order:

Mayor Diane Ashley asked for the motion to call the October 30, 2017 council meeting to order. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized residents and visitors.
Bill Hudson stated, “maybe consider the resolution to support farms to families’ program, that explores good nutrition in Brunswick County. Farmland has been donated and it is going to feed hungry people.”
Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Times Gazette stated, “the Brunswick High Scholl students are working on this project.”

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley made an addition to the agenda, for new business
D. Resolution- Support Farms to Families.

With the additions to the agenda, Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the October 30, 2017 council meeting, Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 11, 2017. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the list of bills for September 2017 and October 2017. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley stated she received a phone call about a stray dog that was seen on Interstate Highway 85. Rebecca Mullins mentioned the 4-wheelers in the town on main street.
2. **Fire Report:** Chief Buddy Hyde presented the September 2017 fire report, which included 23 EMS calls and 1 Structure fire.
3. **Police Report:** Chief Michael Brown presented the police report for September 2017 with 15 speeding tickets 6 reckless driving.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the Deposit list totaling, \$7,332.82 including local sales tax and meals tax.

Old Business:

- A. **HB-1000/ Real Estate and Personal Property Tax:** Mayor Ashley stated that the HB-1000 is a tax break for seniors and the disabled whom are on a fixed income. The council needs to decide if they would go forward with this house bill.
- B. **Meeting with CJ Dean:** Mayor Ashley stated the meeting with CJ Dean has not been held, but the issue has resolved itself. Mayor Ashley also stated is there are any

complaints about the water please call the town office, so the issue can be properly resolved.

- C. **Toddler Park:** Mayor Ashley asked that the toddler park be tabled until Spring 2018.

New Business:

- A. **Vote: HB-1000:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to go forward with the HB-1000. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Ashley stated that we now need to advertise in the paper and to hold a public hearing. Sylvia Allen suggested to break down the HB-1000 without legal talk so that all the residence can truly understand what the HB-1000 is saying. Town Attorney Joseph Whitby will simplify the house bill and send it to the paper.
- B. **HB-1000 Committee:** Mayor Ashley asked for volunteers to join the HB-1000 committee, which will establish what the town will use as guidelines and procedures to be eligible for this real estate tax break. The public hearing will be held in January 2018.

Joseph Whitby, legal representation	Vice Mayor Mable Wynn
Councilman William Holmes	Bill Hudson
Councilwoman F. Peterson-Weddington	Becky Mullins

- C. **Check for Bill Hudson: Commemorative Plaques:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to reimburse Mr. Hudson for the commemorative plaques for the Town of Alberta Square in the total of \$46.98
- D. **Support Farms to Families:** Mayor Ashley asked that everyone do research on farms to families there will be an overview in the paper on page 3, and have a vote at the next council meeting scheduled for November 13, 2017.

Announcements /Handouts:

Annual Christmas Party on December 7, 2017.

Town of Lawrenceville Annual Halloween Parade on October 31, 2017 at 5:30p.m.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Becky Mullins stated, there have been people riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes on main street, her dog and her daughter were almost hit. Chief Brown stated that he has been able to identify 4/13 of the people. Chief Brown also stated that they can cross the road but cannot ride up and down on the street.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL:

Mayor, Diane Ashley asked, “Is there a motion that pursuant to VA Code Section 2.1-344, Section A-3, we go into a closed meeting for PERSONNEL/ POLICE BUSINESS? Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion was carried and unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION RECONVENE CERTIFICATION- OPEN SESSION:

Town Clerk Celaya asked, “Do each of you certify that to the best of your knowledge, that the only matters discussed during the closed session just concluded were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened?

Richard Ozmore- yes
Armenta Stamps - yes
William Holmes- yes
Frieda Peterson- Weddington- yes
Diane Ashley- yes
Mable Wynn- yes

Mayor Diane Ashley asked for a motion to authorize Chief of Police, Michael Brown to apply for a grant for a new police vehicle. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the October 30, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington, and the motion carried unanimously.