

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 7:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Town Office with Mayor Diane Ashley presiding.

Council Members Present:

Diane B. Ashley, Mayor
William Holmes
Thomas Mabry
Jeanette Moore
Freida Peterson
Richard Ozmore, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

Harriett Johnson

Town Residents/Visitors Present:

Sylvia Allen, Mary Markle, Elizabeth Burns, Buddy Hyde, Armentia Stamps, George Daniel, Mable Wynn, Sylvia Jackson, Joan Glenn, Susan Sawyer, and Ray Sawyer and Elizabeth Burns.

Call to Order: Mayor Ashley asked for a Motion to call to order the Council Meeting for December 12, 2016. Councilman William Holmes made the motion and Jeanette Moore seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the December 12, 2016 meeting. Jeanette Moore made the motion and Freida Peterson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2016 meeting. Mr. Richard Ozmore, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. William Holmes seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for December 2016 totaling \$10, 263.64. Mr. William Holmes made the motion to approve the bills list and Ms. Freida Peterson seconded it and the Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Safety: No Report Available.

B. Fire Department: Mr. Buddy Hyde presented to council the fire report for the month of November 2016 (See attached report).

Mr. Hyde spoke about several events that will be fundraisers for the Fire Department and asked for the support of the Town. Mayor Ashley asked for the same of the Fire Department. She stated the Town had several events however no one from the Fire Department participated. Mr. Hyde stated lack of volunteer help is a problem. Event on December 24 distributing fruit will be supported by the Town in the Town Square.

C. Police Report: Officer Mike Brown was not present. No report was available.

D. Administrative & Finance/Economic Development: Mayor Ashley presented the Deposit list for the month of November totaling \$14,616.56 (see attachment). Ms. Ashley stated the Exit Audit has been completed and is posted online on our website along with the minutes and other financial information. The Exit Audit stated the bill showed 3 lines, which consisted of 2 lines for the two police cars and a third line which is for Mayor Ashley available 24/7.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Christmas Event: The Christmas Event was held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 and was a success. Santa came and Nancy Avery with the book club participated. Susan Sawyer donated a beautiful homemade cake for the Town Residents. Lights are turned on each night at 5:15 PM by the Town's maintenance person and cut off at 8:15 PM. The BHS Band did not show up to the event as scheduled, but the ROTC did and performed for the residents. Unfortunately, Band Director Mr. Green passed away suddenly and this is why the band did not show up.

B. Computer Networking: Mayor Ashley stated she would be meeting with Kyle Pulley tomorrow about the Town's computers and how to network them.

C. Verizon/ Audit: 3 lines: Already discussed above under Administrative & Finance.

D. Water Tank Safety: The Tank at the School Park belongs to the railroad. The tank next door to the town office belongs to the Town of Lawrenceville. However, we have no trespassing signs purchased and will be put up. Mayor Ashley has spoken to CJ Dean to get reimbursement from the Town of Lawrenceville. Parents will be contacted first and then further action will be taken if the behavior continues.

E. Caboose: Mayor Ashley stated she spoke to Joanie and the Caboose has always belonged to the Town of Alberta. The Caboose committee consists of all volunteers, Joanie Glenn, Sylvia Jackson, George Daniel, and Trudy Reel. This committee raises funds to keep up the caboose. Mayor Ashley asked if anyone from the committee would like to speak and Joan Glenn said the committee raised over \$7,000.00 for the up keep and she said it's been hard with few volunteers and older members. Their funds have been depleted but more repairs need to be done. Joan said she would be happy to continue on the committee and wants the town to work with them. A key will be given to the Town. Mayor Ashley asked for counsel to make a motion that we support the

Caboose Committee to maintain the Caboose for the Town. Mr. William Holmes made the motion and Jeanette Moore seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Audit 2016: Mr. Aukamp is here doing the Town's audit for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016. Once completed it will be listed on the website. Everything is on the website- the audit, minutes, finances, etc.

C. B. Reorganization of Committees: Mayor Ashley said it is very difficult to find residents of Alberta within the town limits to serve on the seven working committees: Finance, Personnel, Special Events, Public Safety, Zoning/Planning, Old Fire Station, Tobacco Heritage and now the Caboose Committee (which is fully staffed). Mayor Ashley asked that we look outside of the town limits, but have members have a mailing address of Alberta and she asked for a motion for this. Jeanette Moore made the motion and Mr. William Holmes seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. Sylvia Allen stated she would put the ad in the paper and it would be free to the Town.

D. Ad for Committee/Council Members: Jeanette Moore tendered her resignation (see attachment). Mayor Ashley wished her well and asked for a motion to accept it. Mr. Holmes made the motion and Jeanette Moore seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Ashley stated Mr. Hayes will not be on counsel. If Bootsie Johnson does not come back- her seat will be open. Jeanette Moore's seat is now available and Mayor Ashley's seat will be open.

E. Mike Brown's Office: Mayor Ashley stated Officer Brown needs a workable and clean environment to work in and his office needs help. She asked for a motion to purchase newer equipment for his office and to spruce up his office. Mr. Richard Ozmore, Jr. made the motion and Freida Peterson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Ad for surplus office computers/equipment: Once we know what the Town needs to purchase and sell off, we will advertise the computers/equipment. Library of Congress for surplus equipment and procedures for surplus equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ HANDOUTS:

Residents and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized residents and visitors then called for comments.

Susan and Ray Sawyer- members of the BBG, Mayor Ashley said she appreciates their participation in the Town and are not just yes people but show how they care by doing things for the Town. Ms. Ashley addressed Sylvia Jackson, Joan Glenn and George Daniel stating she appreciates their being at the meeting. Elizabeth Burns stated she accepted a certificate on behalf

of the Town for Mayor Ashley from the Fire Department. Jeanette Moore stated she appreciates the opportunity to serve on council. She mentioned the problem with the buzzards. Mayor Ashley said we are working on the flyers and residents need to put lids on garbage and no open food on curb side. They are endangered species and cannot be shot. Possible use of air horns to be used.

Mayor Ashley thanked everyone for taking the time to come out and show an interest in the Town. A copy of the open committees available to participate on will be available after the meeting.

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 the purpose of BUSINESS/PERSONNEL? Mr. Ozmore made the motion, Ms. Moore seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RECONVENE CERTIFICATION- OPEN SESSION:

Town Clerk Kerry Baker 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?

Mayor Ashley-	Yes
Thomas Mabry-	Yes
Freida Peterson-	Yes
Jeanette Moore-	Yes
William Holmes-	Yes
Richard Ozmore, Jr. -	Yes

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to give Christmas bonuses to Officer Brown of \$200.00. Town Clerk, Kerry Baker \$100.00, Town Clerk Toni Celaya \$100.00 and Leslie Hamilton, \$200.00 and also both clerks will be at the same hourly pay rate of \$12.50/hr. effective immediately. Freida Peterson made the motion and Mr. Ozmore seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Mr. William Holmes made the motion to adjourn the meeting for December 12, 2016 and Mr. Richard Ozmore seconded and it carried unanimously.