

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AT 4:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday February 27, 2018. At the Town of Alberta Office with Mayor Diane B. Ashley presiding.

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent

Thomas Mabry

Residents & Visitors Present

Bill Hudson	Town Attorney, Joseph Whitby	Chief of Police, Michael Brown
Sylvia Allen	Mary Markel	Fire Chief Buddy Hyde
Wesley Ruffin	Bill Hudson	

Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley asked for the motion to call the February 27, 2018 council meeting to order.

Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to add a few items to the agenda since there had been meetings that were cancelled. Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized residents and visitors.

Ms. Mary Markel stated, "we need together where I can be paid every month because I am getting behind on my bills". Mayor Ashley asked, "what bills are we behind?" Mary stated, "last month, \$75.00 for trash pick-up on main street" and she also presented the February invoice for

the town trash pick-up. Mayor Ashley explained that all the utilities and M&B Trash removal had been paid.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for November 13, 2017. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, Councilman Holmes, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the list of bills for December, January, and February 2018. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley stated that part of council's responsibility is that if they see something, say something, I have had people call my personal phone about dogs in the Town of Alberta. I have read the code books and if there is a female dog in heat and is running loose, Chief of Police, Michael Brown has the right to put the animal down. Mayor Ashley also stated, "that there have been residents coming into the office complaining about her cats, but these are not my animals I have feed them and taken care of them because I was the chairman of public safety and felt it was my responsibility to help." Councilman Holmes as stated that local resident Roy Finch had been found deceased in his home for about a month and would like for everyone to be more vigilant and check on their elderly neighbors.

Councilman Ozmore also stated that there is someone coming in the middle of the night and beating on his door.

Chief Brown stated that a summons has been delivered to resident about the trash and vehicles in his yard, he explained that the resident is unable to clean, and the issue is still there. Mayor Ashley asked of the council would like for the maintenance crew to clean up the raw sewage and the residents yard and that we follow the procedures in getting the resident's property. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have the maintenance crew receive tetanus shot and that we follow the procedures in getting the residents property clean if the judge deems that they resident needs to clean.

Councilman Ozmore made the motion, councilwoman Peterson-Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the January fire report with 16 service calls and 8 answered calls in the Town of Alberta.

3. **Police Report:** Chief of Police, Michael Brown presented the January police report with 45 reckless driving 7 assists, and a shooting that happened the previous weekend.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley stated that the Town of Alberta is moving forward with the Tobacco Heritage Trail and have had the maintenance crew cleaning up the old firehouse, unfortunately they have had to stop because there is large amount of rat feces and they do not have the right equipment to continue to clean up, but they have found older fire department equipment and would like to use as a part of the Tobacco Heritage if the fire department no longer wanted the items.

Mayor Ashley also stated with the summer coming along we would like to install a toddler park.

We have also improved the restrooms for the office and changed the plumbing.

Mayor Ashley presented the Deposit list for November 2017 totaling, \$12,861.28, December 2017 totaling, \$24,143.85 and January 2018 totaling \$42,170.47.

Old Business:

- A. **Farms to Families:** Mr. Bill Hudson had brought this to the council's attention in October, Mayor Ashley stated that this is an opportune time to get involved. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion that the Town of Alberta get more involved with Farms to Families. Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. **Budget Committee:** Mayor Ashley asked for two council members to join the budget committee and dedicated people that will come in and work on the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. Councilwoman Armenta Stamps, Vice Mayor Mable Wynn, and Mr. Bill Hudson, have agreed to join the budget committee. Councilman Holmes had an issue with his 1099, claiming that he had not received the amount that was stated. Mayor Ashley stated that we will have town Clerk, Toni Celaya clarify and pull the records.
- B. **AVFD: Disbursement Check:** Mayor Ashley stated to Fire Chief Hyde that the disbursement check will be ready at the end of the meeting.

- C. **Chief Brown- New Police Vehicle-** Chief Michael Brown presented the grant and new police car information to the Alberta Town Council, Chief Brown stated he needs Mr Whitby to write a letter. The new police vehicle that Chief Brown is hoping to get is an SVU, with the grant he has included the police vehicle and the computer system.

- D. **Christmas Inventory List:** The inventory has not been completed and will be ready later. Mayor Ashley also thanked Councilman Ozmore for his help with the Christmas lights.

Announcements [Handouts: Mayor Ashley asked that the Town of Alberta council members to volunteer at the local school to show the children the we are invested in their wellbeing. Mayor Ashley also, had a lite supper for the Alberta Town Council and residents.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the February 27, 2018 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington, and the motion carried unanimously.

