

**TOWN OF ALBERTA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY MAY 8, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.**

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday May 8, 2017, At the Town of Alberta Office with Mayor Diane B. Ashley presiding.

**Council Members Present:**

William Holmes  
Freida Peterson  
Richard Ozmore, Jr.  
Mable Wynn

**Council Members Absent**

Thomas Mabry

**Residents & Visitors Present:**

Joe Whitby, Town Attorney	Wesley Ruffin	Michael Brown, Police Chief
Bill Hudson	Mary Markel	Toni Celaya, Town Clerk

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call the May 8, 2017 regular council meeting to order. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:**

There were no comments.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor Ashley made additions to the agenda; H. new council member, I. Tobacco Heritage Trail, and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills List:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 10, 2017. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for May 2017 totaling 5,617.14. Mayor Ashley also included the payment on April 18, 2017 for Kyle Pulley whom had completed the installation of the computers, that amount was not included in the bill list total for May 2017 but was on the bill list for everyone to be aware that it had been paid. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wynn, motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley stated that there are a pack of coyotes in the Town of Alberta and for all the residents to be very careful.  
The street light on West First Avenue has been fixed.  
Councilman Ozmore noted that there have been gun shots heard by the Alberta School Park.  
There have been sights of snakes, but please do not kill the black snakes, they are not poisonous.
2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde was not present.
3. **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the April 2017 police report, with 20 reckless driving and 5 speeding tickets.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Deposit totaling, 6,947.45 includes town decals, taxes, and meals tax.

### **Old Business:**

- A. **Decals: Ordinance to Include decals in Tax Bill/ Decal Letters:** The Town of Alberta will incorporate the price of the town decal into the personal property tax bill.
- B. **Revisit Letters for Town Ordinance: Penalties, Policies, and Procedures:** The ordinance letters will stand as is, and they will be applied to anyone in violation of the town ordinance.
- C. **Budget 2017-2018:** The Alberta Town Council will vote on the proposed budget at the next council meeting scheduled for June 12, 2017.

## New Business:

- A. **Vote: 2017-2018 Budget:** Covered under old business C.
- B. **Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony:** The Town of Alberta will be installing the America Flag, the Virginia State Flag, and the Town of Alberta Flag on Saturday May 27, 2017.
- C. **BBG Flagpole Donation:** Mayor Ashley stated the Town of Alberta has received much support from The Better Business Government whom has made a contribution to the Town of Alberta for one of the flagpoles for the Town Square. Mayor Ashley thanked Mr. Bill Hudson and the BBG for their generous donation.
- D. **Bouncy House: Flag Raising Ceremony:** The town will have a bouncy house during the flag raising ceremony for children.
- E. **Volunteers:** Mayor Ashley asked for any volunteers and donations for the flag raising ceremony, which include any hot dogs, chips, soda, and any help. Councilwoman Wynn has volunteered to help, and will contribute the bouncy house, tables and chairs.
- F. **Alberta History (Tobacco Heritage Trail):** Mayor Ashley would like to have a collaboration of history for the town of Alberta, including past Mayors and any past projects that have been completed.
- G. **Bobray Property: Playground/Picnic Area:** The Alberta town council would like to turn the Bobray property located at 171 West First Avenue into a picnic area and a small playground.
- H. **New Council Member:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Armenta Stamps to Jeanette Moore's open seat on the Alberta town council. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilman Holmes second, and the motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Tobacco Heritage Trail:** Mayor Ashley stated that interviews were held to find what engineering company will be constructing the Tobacco Heritage Trail for the Town of Alberta.

**Announcements /Handouts:**

1. Mayor Ashley made the announcements including the flyer for the flag installation ceremony
2. Volunteer flyers; the deadline to sign up will be Friday May 20, 2017.
3. The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> annual corn hole tournament on June 3, 2017.
4. Mothers' Day: Mayor Ashley will have flowers for anyone to take and give out to any mothers.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:**

*Mr. Bill Hudson stated that he will get in contact with Sidney Brown whom he believes knows who owns the abandon house on Second Avenue.*

*Mary Markel stated "the town of Alberta looks greats and very clean and beautiful!"*

**Adjournment:** Mayor Ashley asked with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Ozmore motioned and Councilman Holmes seconded to adjournment, the motion carried unanimously.