

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday June 12, 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
Armenta Stamps

Council Members Absent

Thomas Mabry

Residents & Visitors Present:

Joe Whitby, Town Attorney	Wesley Ruffin	Michael Brown, Police Chief
Bill Hudson	Mary Markel	Becky Mullins
Rebecca Spengler	Buddy Hyde, Fire Chief	
Toni Celaya, Town Clerk		

Call to Order:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call the June 12, 2017 regular council meeting to order. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized the residents and visitors.

- 1. Becky Mullins mentioned the car ordinance that had went out to the residents of the Town of Alberta whom were not in compliance with the town ordinance.
 - Mayor Ashley stated you can call the town office if there is any assistance that may be needed, the town will help you but the ordinance need to be followed this is the second letter that has been sent out.**
- 2. Rebecca Spengler stated that her trash has not been picked up in 3 weeks, it had been successful for some time but she now has six bags of trash sitting on the end of her driveway. She has contacted the town clerk several times and the situation has not been rectified.*

- *Mary Markel (M&B Trash Removal) stated that Ms. Spengler has not put trash out in 2-3 weeks, and the trash now has maggots, and under contract M&B Trash does not take any garbage with maggots.*
 - *Mayor Ashley stated that according to Mrs. Markel, she is not allowed on the resident's property; therefore, M&B Trash Removal will not pick up any trash from the property of Rebecca Spengler.*
3. *Fire Chief Buddy Hyde apologized for missing the public hearing for FY Budget 2017-2018 but asked the Alberta Town Council to please reconsider the budgeted amount for Fire Department because no one on the fire department is happy and they are the ones who protect the town.*
- *Mayor Ashley explained there is no new income coming into the Town of Alberta; and giving the Fire Department more money is just not feasible for the town.*
4. *Bill Hudson mentioned the Town of Alberta flag raising ceremony was very nice, and a great deal of work was put; unfortunately there were council members whom were not present at the event. Also, Mr. Hudson has written a letter for Mrs. Mary Markel to the county administrator and Mrs. Ella Riddley and to clarify; Mary is not banned from taking her personal garbage to the dump.*

Mayor Ashley thanked all the visitors and residents for their comments.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 8, 2017. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for June 2017 totaling 8,768.79 which include the VML first quarter payment and supplies for the flag raising ceremony. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wynn, motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley thanked Mrs. Mary Markel for everything that she does for the Town of Alberta.
2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the May 2017 fire report which included 37 calls for the month, with 15 EMS calls. Mayor Ashley asked how many calls were answered in the town of Alberta, Fire Chief Buddy Hyde explained he did not have the break down but will get back to the Mayor. Councilman Ozmore mentioned he had called 911 for an ambulance but had to wait almost an hour for Gasburg EMS to come the Town of Alberta
3. **Police Report:** Chief of Police Michael Brown presented the May 2017 police to the Alberta Town council, including 30 reckless driving. Chief Brown also mentioned the shooting at Red Oak Hall on June 10, 2017 and would like the Alberta Town council to amend the rules and regulations for the rental of Red Oak Hall.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the Deposit list totaling, 7,671.55 including town decals, taxes, and meals tax.

Old Business:

- A. Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony:** Mayor Ashley stated she is very proud of the Town Square and we had a very successful flag raising ceremony. Mayor Ashley also stated that help from all of the council is much needed.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to purchase 2 AED machine for the town office. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Thank You Volunteers: BBG, Mable Wynn, Cheryl Biel, and Volunteers:** Mayor Ashley thanked the BBG for their flag pole donation, Ms. Mable Wynn for all her work and the donation of the Bouncy House. Mrs. Biel for her donation to the ceremony and all the volunteers that had come out to help.
- C. Tobacco Heritage Trail: Engineers:** Mayor Ashley stated that Hurt & Profit will be the engineers for the Tobacco Heritage Trail and would like to see what work they have for unskilled labor workers from the Town of Alberta.

- D. Bobray Property: Playground/ Picnic Area:** Mayor Ashley would like to turn a portion of the Bobray Property located at 171 West First into a community garden. Town Attorney Joe Whitby stated that the Town of Alberta will have to do a tax suit for the property located at 171 West First Ave before the town is able to do anything on the property. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have Joe Whitby start the process of a tax suit. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- E. New Council Member:** Ms. Armenta Stamps was appointed to Jeanette Moore's open seat on the Alberta town council.

New Business:

- A. Vote: 2017-2018 Budget:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have the FY 2017-2018 Budget to stand as is; Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Ashley asked for a roll call vote to approve the FY Budget 2017-2018, Town Clerk, Toni Celaya took the roll call as follows,
- Armenta Stamps- Yes
 - Richard Ozmore- Yes
 - Mable Wynn – Yes
 - William Holmes- Yes
 - Freida Peterson- Yes
- B. Community Garden:** Covered under Old Business (D.)
- C. Support Local Business:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to meet with Cheryl from the Alberta General Store and see how the Town of Alberta can help reopen the store. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Old Fire House Revitalization: Kitchen & Bathroom:** With the Tobacco Heritage Trail coming to the Town of Alberta, the town will need to have public restrooms as well as a working kitchen for special events therefore; Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have bids for the remodel of the old firehouse kitchen and bathroom. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilman Peterson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Town of Alberta Historical Sites: Mayor Ashley would like to see if the old fire house in the Town of Alberta is considered an historical building.

F. Donation/ Purpose/ Future: Abandon House Second Ave: The old abandon house located on Second Ave will be donated to the Town of Alberta, the house will be torn down and the area will be part of the Tobacco Heritage Trail.

Mayor Ashley also mentioned that she has had the Town Square sprayed with liquid snake away.

Announcements /Handouts:

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the June 12, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Ozmore motioned and Councilman Holmes seconded to adjournment, the motion carried unanimously.