

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 10, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday July 10, 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
Armenta Stamps

Residents & Visitors Present:

Joe Whitby, Town Attorney Wesley Ruffin
Bill Hudson Mary Markel
Sylvia Allen Toni Celaya, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Burns
Buddy Hyde, Fire Chief

Call to Order:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call the July 10, 2017 regular council meeting to order. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized the residents and visitors.

- *Bill Hudson stated "I would like to compliment the Town of Alberta for what it has done with the cleaning, the town looks great."*
- *Mary Markel stated "you're doing a great job."*

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Ozmore 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 June 12, 2017. After a correction to the June 12, 2017 minutes, Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill's list for July 2017 totaling 9,346.21, which include the attorney fees and grass cutting fees. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** no report available.
2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the June 2017 fire report which included 30 calls for the month, with 9 answered calls to the Town of Alberta.
3. **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the June 2017 police report including 20 reckless driving and 5 speeding tickets.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the Deposit list totaling, 7,796.58 including water bill payments, personal property and real estate taxes, and utility taxes.

Old Business:

- A. **Community Garden:** Attorney Joseph Whitby will look into a special expedited division that handles delinquent taxes, but the lot has to be under a certain square footage. Mr. Whitby also stated, he spoke to Ms. Gilda Jones, who has an interest in property several blocks in town and would like to donate the property to the Town of Alberta; the only issue is that the property is owned by several heirs and will see if everyone is in agreement in donating the property. Ms. Jones only asked if they are all in agreement in donating the property, is that the Town of Alberta pay for any legal services that will be involved.

- B. Support Local Business:** Mayor Ashley will be meeting with Cheryl, from the Alberta General Store; and has recently spoken with her on the phone explaining the town council is looking forward to working with her.
- C. Old Fire House Revitalization:** Mayor Ashley will be looking for bids for the revitalization the maintenance crew has been doing a great job in keeping the fire house clean and safe.
- D. Town of Alberta Historical Sites:** Mayor Ashley's research; any building over 50 years old is considered an historical site.
- E. Donation/Purpose/Future: Abandon House Second Ave (Title under Economic Development):** covered under A.

New Business:

- A. Advisory Committee Meeting: 7/26/17:** The advisory committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office.
- B. Audit:** The audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 is completed and will be posted to the Town of Alberta website; Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to accept the Audit FY Ending June 30, 2016. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Labor Day- Community Event:** Mayor Ashley asked the council if they would like to have a Labor Day Community event.
Mayor Ashley asked for the Alberta Town Council members to be more involved in community events. Please talk to your neighbors, let them know that the town is having events.
The Town of Alberta will be sponsoring Labor Day Community event on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Mayor Ashley also stated, that going forward anyone using the Red Oak Hall, has to sign a Liability Release Agreement for the Town of Alberta. (See attachment)

Mayor Ashley has a meeting with Dr. John Sykes later in this week in regards to the Taste of Brunswick Festival and the Town of Alberta holding the insurance.

The council also discussed address displays many homes in the Town of Alberta does not have numbers displayed on their home, Mr. Whitby will look into whether the numbers are required to be displayed.

Announcements /Handouts:

- The Town of Lawrenceville will have their 34th annual national night out event on August 1, 2017 from 6pm-9pm.
- Hats Off to Survivors will be July 25th, 2017 from 5:30pm-7pm.
- Avada Hearing Care Centers is looking for 17 people to try the latest digital hearing aid technology, on July 18-20, 2017.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley asked if there were any other comments.

- *Mr. Bill Hudson stated in supporting local business, no one is working on the road for Exit 28 and wanted to know when the exit will open back up?*
 - *Mayor Ashley stated that Toni, has spoken with VDOT and they are hoping to open the exit by October 2017, this date is not a guarantee, with there being more that needed to be done than VDOT anticipated.*
- *Mary Markel stated that at the last council meeting her business had been bashed in the local newspaper. Mrs. Markel has reiterated her policy for trash removal (see attachment).*
 - *Mayor Ashley stated the Town Maintenance has be collecting trash for the town as well.*

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and stated with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the July 10, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wynn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and the motion carried unanimously.