

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT 4:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. At the Town of Alberta Office with Mayor Diane Ashley presiding.

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent

Residents & Visitors Present:

Rebecca Mullins	Dominic Tucker	Anthony Taylor
Curt Williams	Jeanette Moore	Randy Allgood
Sherri Arms	Sylvia Allen	Joseph Whitby
Toni Celaya	Michael Brown	

Call to Order:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call to order the December 18, 2018 Council meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized the residents and visitors.

Sylvia Allen, "Merry Christmas everybody."

Anthony Taylor asked, "what process do we have to fix a road if there is damaged done to a road?" Mayor Ashley responded, "that would be VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation), You can call the town office and Chief Brown would be able to help you." Chief Brown stated, I would have to call Tommy Johnson, but I am not familiar with what street you are talking

about.” Anthony Taylor responded, “Connelly Street.” Chief Brown stated what will happen, I call it in ...and then I can bring the information by to you.

Randy Allgood stated, “I have the same issue with the road {West Center Street}.” Chief Brown stated I’ve worked for the town since 2005, and I have never seen the roads paved.”

Dominic Tucker did not have comments.

Curt Williams did not have any comments.

Becky Mullins did not have any comments.

Sherri Arms asked about the water situation gets resolved.

Mayor Ashley stated, all the residents and visitors have been recognized.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley made an addition to the agenda D. AVFD Disbursement Check and asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the December 18, 2018 council meeting, Councilwoman Stamps made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for the November 20, 2018 Council meeting. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Ashley also mention the bill from last month (*Mayor Ashley stated that she will contact CJ Dean to see exactly what this before we approve, please deduct the 5, 088.83 from the bill list.*)that she needed to speak with CJ Dean about in the of 5,000.00 and explained that the bill had already been paid by the Town of Lawrenceville.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the list of Bills totaling \$12,739.79, which includes four bills in the amount of 8,744.60 for the new police vehicle, which is being funding by a grant, and we will receive the money back after and will be reconciled to the general account. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for December 2018 with a total of 12,739.79. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Chief Brown stated that the grant money will not be available until after he gets the vehicle which sound be around late January/ early February.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington mentioned the dogs that are running around loose. Chief Brown stated he will call the Brunswick County Animal shelter and have the 3 dogs picked up.
Town Clerk Toni Celaya mentioned a call that she received from a resident stating a tree had fallen on Samford Street, and someone had moved the tree onto his property; had asked the town to remove the tree. Mayor Ashley stated that the tree is on private property and with that the town can not have the town employees clean up the property. Councilman Holmes stated that the resident is an older gentleman and will help him clean the debris. Mayor Ashley asked the council to think about if they want to pay the maintenance crew to pick-up the debris and will vote at the end of the meeting.
2. **Fire Report:** No report available.
3. **Police Report:** Chief Brown presented the police report with 1 DUI, 10 speeding, and 17 reckless driving (see attachment).
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the deposit list in the amount of \$17,653.15. which include Sales Tax and net collections, of fines, and 2018 Taxes. Mayor Ashley stated she has spoken with the Auditor Michael Aukamp, who stated that there is almost 27,000.00 in taxes that is owed to the town; and for the past 5 years we have had the same people that are not paying their taxes, and that is why we implemented the decals into the tax bill. Mayor Ashley for a motion to give Mr. Whitby the authority to go for with putting owed taxes in collection for the outstanding taxes. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carries unanimously.

Old Business:

- A. **Exit Audit:** The draft of the Exit Audit for FY 2017 and 2018 is completed. The final hard copies are not complete at this time, but when they are each council member, Mayor Ashley, and Mr. Whitby will receive a copy and there will be extra copies in the Town Office as well. Mayor Ashley presented both drafts which included a letter from the Auditor (see attachments).

- B. Toddler Park:** We recently spoke to Creative Playthings representative, Vito Parisi prior to this meeting, he gave us a new installation date of the beginning of January 2019, he stated that the installation dates have been pushed back due to, weather, waiting on the arrival of the equipment from the manufacture, and prior projects that have not been completed by creative playthings.

- C. Christmas Dinner:** The Town of Alberta held the Christmas Dinner on Friday December 14, 2018 at Lucas Italian Restaurant; with council members and town employees present.

New Business:

- A. Toddler Park:** covered under old business.

- B. Dominic Tucker:** Mayor Ashley explained at the last few meetings we've had a gentleman by the name of Dominic Tucker whom has had an interest in joining the Town of Alberta Council, and with there being two available seat and Mr. Tuckers' background with organizations, I ask for a motion to appoint Dominic Tucker to the Town of Alberta Council. Town clerk, Toni Celaya will investigate to see what seat is available. Mr. Tucker also stated that he spoke with his neighbor and she mentioned that he was not located in the town limits. Chief Brown and Clerk Toni will both investigate if he is in the town limits. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Rebecca Mullins is also interested in joining the town council.

- C. Exit Audit:** covered under old business A.

- D. Disbursement Check for AVFD-** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to write and disburse the check for the AVFD. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements /Handouts:

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized visitors and residents.

Dominic Tucker stated “I just want to say for you all who don’t know me, I’m active duty military... I’m a maintenance manager... I was born and raised here and graduated from Brunswick Senior High... I will do anything I can to support the new mayor... and possibly spark some life back into the town.

Randy Allgood stated, “Thank you for your service.”

Mayor Ashley stated, “it has been very interesting, I came on council in 2002.... Some of you have really treated me like family thank you.

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the December 18, 2018 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Wynn, and the motion carried unanimously.