

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 5:30P.M.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019. At the Town of Alberta Office with Mayor Curtis Williams presiding.

Council Members Present:

William Holmes
Freida Peterson-Weddington
Richard Ozmore, Jr.
Rebecca Spengler

Council Members Absent

Sarah Brown

Residents & Visitors Present:

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| Rebecca Mullins | Anthony Taylor | Martin Porter |
| Elena Scalzi | Charles Jones | Sylvia Allen |
| Cheryl Murnane | Bernard Jones Sr. | Joseph Whitby |
| Kay Barnes | Martin Porter | Buddy Hyde, Fire Chief |
| Wayne Corbin | Deon Walker | Michael Brown, Police Chief |
| Toni Celaya, Clerk | | |

Call to Order:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to call to order the February 11, 2019 Council meeting. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Williams recognized the residents and visitors.

Sylvia Allen, no comment.

Kay Barnes asked, "I'm just curious about some of the abandoned properties in the town in regard to the dogs that are left behind."

Cheryl Murnane stated, “just the water situation”.

Elena Scalzi stated, “the four-wheelers.”

Charles Jones stated, “just the street light and the cable wire that is down on second avenue.” Mayor Williams stated that he did call the company and they stated that they could not find it even with the address that was given.

Wayne Corbin, no comment.

Anthony Taylor, no comment.

Martin Porter asked about the re-zoning of the old First Citizens Bank. Mayor Williams stated that we will get to that later in the meeting.

Bernard Jones Sr., no comment.

Becky Mullins, no comment.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 Council meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for the January 28, 2019 Council meeting. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the list of Bills totaling \$10,490.64, which includes equipment for the new police, which will be paid for through grant money. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington mentioned the road by the saw mill. Councilman Holmes stated he feels it is just a minor problem, the road only looks

bad after we have bad weather. Councilman Ozmore stated that the still need to keep it clean.

2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the fire report with 31 answered calls 1 brush fires, 3 cancelled calls.
3. **Police Report:** Chief Brown gave the police report with 10 speeding and 4 court hours. Chief Brown mentioned there has been a Larson involving a trailer and if anyone sees anything suspicious please contact him.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Williams presented the deposit list in the amount of \$51,980.71. which include Sales Tax and net collections, of fines, and 2018 Taxes.

Old Business:

- A. **Toddler Park:** The toddler park is installed, there are a few yards of mulch that is missing, the town has not finished paying for the installation, in our contract the installation of the mulch is included in the pricing. There was equipment in which we needed to rent, Creative Playthings will pay for the price of the extra day that was needed and the town will cover the rest of the cost.

Joe Whitby, Town attorney has sent the letter to Creative Playthings and we are waiting on an official response from them. Mr. Parisi did state that site was bigger than what he had been described and had to be modified which is why there was a shortage of the playground mulch. Councilwoman Spengler asked if anyone on council had been notified. {no had been notified}

New Business:

- A. **Invoices for Hurt & Proffitt/ Southside Planning:** Mayor Williams would like to have a meeting with Southside planning director Deborah Gosney, so that it can be explained what we are expected to pay and to explain to the council the plans.
- B. **New Council Member- Rebecca Mullins:** Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington explained that before we add another person on council, we should investigate the issue for Dominic Tucker, he does live behind the Town of Alberta sign. Joe Whitby stated that it is based on whether he pays taxes in the Town of Alberta. {Dominic Tucker does not live in the town

limits}. Councilman Holmes stated that to be on council you need to be on one accord and nothing personal should go on. Councilwoman Spengler asked to hear from Ms. Mullins and how she could help the town move forward as “we”.

Ms. Mullins responded I have lived in this town for 10 years, I have helped the town with parades and events, I have donated, and I feel that I can be an asset to the town.

Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington responded that you can not take things personal on the council, we are all here to build the community and work together.

There was no motion to vote Rebecca Mullins on town council.

C. Rezoning of Old First Citizens Bank: Mayor Williams stated it has been brought to his attention that a resident would like to rezone the First Citizens bank to a residential property. Councilwoman Spengler stated that she is a little concerned that there aren't very many places to bring in businesses and it would not be the best idea to rezone a property that is set aside for a business.

Joe Whitby stated the current owner of the property would have to petition for the property to be rezoned, and if it were rezoned it probably effect the assessment substantially and reduce the income to the town.

Announcements /Handouts:

The Alberta town council received a letter from Martin Porter Sr. “Toby” expressing his interest in joining the Alberta town council (see attachment). Mayor Williams asked town clerk to add this item on the March 11, 2019 agenda.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

A resident asked if we can have speed bumps on church street? Chief Brown responded that I have put in a request to VDOT for streets and they do take a while. I will call and see what I can find out.

Chief Buddy Hyde stated the AVFD has the 70th anniversary coming, the will partner with the Red Oak Rutian Club with a chicken dinner to raise funds.

Chief Brown also mention the ATV's, state law is that you can not ride an ATV on the road, you can cross the road and on the side of the road.

Clerk Toni addressed Ms. Barnes comment on the abandon properties and animals stating, “I know you did not give a specific address but the animals at 560 second avenue are being taking care of on a daily basis and no one should go on that property and let the dogs loose.”

Ms. Barnes said she will never do that, I am just concerned about the cold temperatures.

Adjournment: Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the February 11, 2019 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, and the motion carried unanimously.