

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017, At the Town of Alberta Office with Mayor Diane B. Ashley presiding.

Council Members Present:

Thomas Mabry
William Holmes
Freida Peterson
Richard Ozmore, Jr.

Council Members Absent

Residents & Visitors Present:

Buddy Hyde	Mable Wynn	Armenta Stamps
Sylvia Allen	Mary Markel	Wesley Ruffin
Toni Celaya, Town Clerk		

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to reopen the February 13, 2017 council meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley made revisions to the agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Mabry seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 17, 2017. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes and carried unanimously.

The bills list was approved on February 13, 2017, but one more Virginia Dominion bill came in on February 14, 2017 at \$300.00 and was paid. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to let the Bills' List stand for the corrected amount. Councilman Ozmore motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley stated there are dogs running loose and their owners need to follow the Town of Alberta Dog Ordinance. Chief Officer Michael Brown will cite anyone not following the town ordinances. Mayor Ashley also states with the weather becoming warmer residents will be outside more often and the town resident's safety is paramount.
Mayor Ashley also mentioned the mosquitos are breeding with the Zirka Virus, she asked for a motion to have a specialist come into the town and investigate the stagnant water.
Mayor Ashley brought up the Verizon Hub station on Second Avenue; the property is not maintained well and is a source for mosquito.
- 2) **Fire Report:** Chief "Buddy" Hyde presented the January 2017 fire report to the Alberta Town Council with a total of 8 calls from the town of Alberta and 2 answered, annual report for 2016 with a total of 460 calls in which the majority were from the county.
- 3) **Police Report:** Chief Officer Mike Brown was not present. Full report is forthcoming.
- 4) **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Deposit totaling 33,166.46, includes town decals, taxes, and meals tax.

Old Business:

- A. **Reorganization Committee- Dissolution:** Mayor Ashley stated the reorganization is completed.
- B. **Council Appointments/Reorganization:** will be covered with new business.
- C. **Volunteer /Maintenance Person:** has been completed.
- D. **Accounting Firm:** We are still looking, but will meet with Creedle, Jones, and Alga to set up policy and procedures, that will prevent audit failures. .

New Business:

- A. **Appointment of New Council:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Mable Wynn to the Alberta Town Council. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Armenta Stamps to the Alberta Town Council. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes and the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Stamps says she will need some time to think about being on council but will let the council know.

- B. **Vote for Verizon Monopole:** Town council voted a unanimous decision for the Verizon Monopole :

Vice Mayor Mabry: Yes

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes

Councilman Holmes: Yes

Councilman Ozmore: Yes

- C. **Ceiling in Conference Room:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have a specialist look at the ceiling tiles in the conference room that are damaged. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson and carried unanimously.

- D. **Letter for Advisory Committee:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to send out the letters for the advisory committee. Councilman Ozmore motioned, seconded by Councilman Holmes and carried unanimously.

- E. **Notary:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to purchase the notary commission for Town Clerk Toni Celaya and Mayor Diane Ashley. Councilman Ozmore motioned, seconded by Councilman Holmes and carried unanimously.

Announcements /Handouts: Mrs. Ashley stated that RAM (Remote Access Medical) will be held at Greenville Co. High School on June 23-24, 2017. Volunteers are needed. Information will be located at the town office.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL:

Mayor Diane Ashley asked, "Is there a motion that pursuant to VA Code Section 2.1-344, Section A-3, we go into a closed meeting for the purpose of BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

CLOSED SESSION RECONVENE CERTIFICATION- OPEN SESSION:

Town Clerk Toni Celaya asked, “Do each of you certify that to the best of your knowledge, that the only matters discussed during the closed session just concluded were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened?”

Mayor Ashley-	Yes
Thomas Mabry-	Yes
Freida Peterson-	Yes
William Holmes-	Yes
Richard Ozmore, Jr. -	Yes

Town Clerk, Kerry V. Baker emailed a letter dated February 12, 2017 to Mrs. Ashley on February 14, 2017, the day after the February 13 council meeting, regarding a letter of resignation stating that she was resigning from her position as Alberta Town Clerk, due to securing employment at the Commissioner of Revenue’s office to be effective February 28, 2017. The town council accepted her resignation, but decided not to extend her another week of pay; her resignation was accepted for February 17, 2017, due to the fact that she withheld presenting her resignation on the February 13, 2017 council meeting and without notice of fulfilling her position. In hind sight the town council had made a decision to make both clerks the same position and the same pay rate on December 12, 2016.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the February 20, 2017 Alberta town council meeting. Councilman Holmes motioned and Ms. Freida Peterson seconded to adjournment, the motion carried unanimously