

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

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday March 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.  
Mable Wynn

**Council Members Absent**

**Residents & Visitors Present:**

Buddy Hyde                      Armenta Stamps              Wesley Ruffin  
Bill Hudson                      Mary Markel  
Toni Celaya, Town Clerk

**Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call the March 20, 2017 regular council meeting to order. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Vice Mayor Mabry seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

**Approval of Minutes and Bills List:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 13, 2017. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 20, 2017. Councilman Ozmore motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for March 2017 totaling 6,381.33. Vice Mayor Mabry made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, motion carried unanimously.

## Committee Reports:

- 1) **Public Safety:** Vice Mayor Thomas Mabry stated that Mary Markel (M&B Trash Removal) has some trouble with using the dumpsters located and Alberta and has to use the landfill in the Lawrenceville and would like to know why that was happening. Mayor Ashley explained that M&B Trash removal is a business with a private contractor and according to the county code M&B Trash Removal is required to have a permit to haul trash to the dump.

Councilman Holmes stated, the prior Wednesday he heard firing of guns. Mayor Ashley stated that if anyone hears that again to please call her, so that we can have Police Chief Brown investigate.

- 2) **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the fire report for the month of February 2017 totaling 114 calls, with 11 answered calls to the Town of Alberta.
- 3) **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the February 2017 police report, with 20 reckless driving and 2 felony arrest.
- 4) **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Deposit totaling, 8,233.77 includes town decals, taxes, and meals tax.

## Old 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. Mrs. Stamps respectfully declined stating, "My plate is full right now."

- B. **Vote for Verizon Monopole:** Town council voted a unanimous decision for the Verizon Monopole. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have town attorney Joe Whitby send a letter to Verizon. Councilman Holmes motioned, Councilman Ozmore second and carried unanimously.

- C. Ceiling in Conference Room:** Mayor Ashley stated the quoted price for the supplies to fix the conference room ceiling and office ceiling will be around \$400.00-\$500.00. Councilman Ozmore made the motion to proceed with the repairs to the ceiling tiles in the conference room and the office. Councilman Holmes seconded, and carried unanimously.
- D. Letter for Advisory Committee:** The letters for the Town of Alberta Advisory Committee have been sent out, consisting of 2 Councilmembers, Mayor Ashley, and 9 committee members.
- E. Vote Public Hearing: Blankenship Property/ Livestock (Conditional Use Permit/Set Conditions):** The Town of Alberta council voted to approve the purchase of 42 Second Ave. Mayor Ashley asked for motion to send a letter with the council conditions which include: setbacks and not removing all timber on the property. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. Information Storage:** Mayor Ashley stated that all clerical information used for the Town of Alberta will be stored on one system located in the office.
- G. Audit/ Verbiage:** The audit has been completed, we are waiting for the proper verbiage, and the audit will be finalized.
- H. Confidentiality of Closed Session:** Mayor Ashley stated that when council goes into closed session, there must be confidentiality among the council and cannot be repeated, outside of closed session.

**New Business:**

- A. Speed Limit- Second and Third Ave:** Police Chief Michael Brown will contact The Virginia Department of Transportation to see what steps need to be taken and will bring the information to council. Councilman Ozmore also mentioned the stop sign on Oak St needed to be brought forward, because several individuals are not stopping at that particular stop sign.
- B. Citizens Request Clean Up- Samford Street:** There have been request for clean up on Samford Street since the maintenance man has been cleaning Main Street, West First Avenue (Town Office), Second Avenue ( Alberta Town Park), and the Town Square. If the town pays for cleanup for Samford Street, the Town of Alberta will have to clean the

entire town, not just one particular street and in order for that to take place taxes will have to be raised.

Councilwoman Wynn asked if there is a letter that we can send to all the citizens of the Town of Alberta in regards to the maintenance of the property. Mayor Ashley stated that the letters were part of the agenda, and proceeded to read the ordinance letters that were to be sent out (see attachment).

- C. Spring Clean-up:** Spring cleanup will be in April, everyone will be able to put out all of their big trash to be collected. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have spring cleanup the week before Easter. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes and the motion carried unanimously.
  
- D. Budget Workshop:** Mayor Ashley asked council for help with 2017-2018 budget. Councilman Holmes and Councilwoman Peterson both volunteered to help, Mayor Ashley also stated she will ask the Advisory committee to help with the budget
  
- E. No Parking on the Handicap Ramp at the Town Square:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to mark the handicap ramp and add a sign at the Alberta Town Square. Councilman Ozmore motioned, seconded by Councilman Holmes, and the motion carried unanimously.
  
- F. Tax Lien for Bobray Property:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have town Attorney Joseph Whitby to enforce the tax lien. Councilman Holmes motioned, seconded by Councilman Ozmore, the motion carried unanimously.
  
- G. Verizon Letter- Mr. Whitby:** covered under Old Business: B Vote for Verizon Monopole.
  
- H. Letters for Town Ordinance:** covered under New Business: B Citizen Request Cleanup – Samford Street.

**Announcements /Handouts:** Mrs. Ashley stated that RAM (Remote Access Medical) will be held at Greenville Co. High School on June 24-25, 2017. Volunteers are needed. Information will be located at the town office.

The Ebony Fire Department is having family Bingo night Saturday April 1, 2017.

**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?"

Thomas Mabry-	Yes
Richard Ozmore, Jr. -	Yes
Mable Wynn-	Yes
William Holmes-	Yes
Frieda Peterson-	Yes
Diane Ashley-	Yes

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to go through applications and take into consideration those applicants that are on file to hire a part time/ part time clerk for tax season starting November 2017. Councilman Holmes motioned, Councilman Ozmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion, that the Town of Alberta will not intercede between Brunswick County and Mary Markel (M&B Trash Removal). Councilman Holmes motioned, Vice Mayor Mabry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have a presentation for Police Chief Michael Brown at the Alberta Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Ozmore motioned, seconded by Councilman Holmes and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to accept the following as The Town of Alberta Advisory Committee members: Bill Hudson, Police Chief Michael Brown, Fire Chief Buddy Hyde, Executive Director of Chamber Commerce Wendy Wright, Elizabeth Burns, Joan Glenn, Joe Glenn, and Mr. Andy Patel. Councilman Holmes seconded, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:**

**Adjournment:** Mayor Ashley asked with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the March 20, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilman Holmes motioned and Vice Mayor Mabry seconded to adjournment, the motion carried unanimously