

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

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday April 10, 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, Fire Chief	Wesley Ruffin	Michael Brown, Police Chief
Bill Hudson	Mary Markel	Toni Celaya, Town Clerk

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

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to call the April 10, 2017 regular council meeting to order. Councilman Holes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

**Approval of Minutes and Bills List:**

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

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the bill list for April 2017 totaling 4,020.37. Councilman Holmes made the motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Mabry, motion carried unanimously.

## Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report available. Mayor Ashley stated that there has been fewer sightings of loose dogs, and appreciates all the residents for following the town ordinances.
2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the fire report for the month of March 2017 totaling 42 calls, with 10 answered calls to the Town of Alberta.
3. **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the March 2017 police report, with 25 reckless driving and 2 DUI.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Deposit totaling, 17,055.30 includes town decals, taxes, and meals tax.

## Old Business:

- A. **Speed Limit- Second and Third Ave:** Virginia Department of transportation needs to complete a study before the speed can be reduced.
- B. **Citizens Request Clean Up- Samford Street:** Mayor Ashley suggested, that Samford street residents should join together to create a "Home Owners Association", to keep the street clean. Councilman Ozmore has an "Adopt-A-Block".
- C. **Spring Clean-up:** Spring clean-up week is April 10-14, 2017. All the residents from the town can put out their bulk trash for pick up.
- D. **Budget Workshop:** Mayor Ashley has completed her budget workshop with help from the Town of Alberta Advisory Committee and has a proposed budget to present later in this meeting.
- E. **No Parking on the Handicap Ramp at the Town Square:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to stencil the handicap parking for the town square. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bill Hudson stated he has a rubber mat that is wheelchair assessable and would like to donate it to the Town of Alberta

- F. Tax Lien for Bobray Property:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have Mr. Whitby send a letter to Clinton Bobray asking him to donate the property located on West First Avenue to the Town of Alberta. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- G. Verizon Letter- Mr. Whitby:** Town Attorney Joe Whitby has sent the letter to Verizon.
- H. Letters for Town Ordinance:** Ordinance letters have been sent out.

**New Business:**

- A. Motion to move Residents and Visitors Recognition/ Comments to Beginning of Meeting:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to place recognition/ comments back to the beginning of the monthly council meetings. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Revisit Noise Ordinance:** Mayor Ashley asked council to revisit the town noise ordinance. Chief Michael Brown stated that residents who are playing loud music at their homes can be asked to turn the music down. For residents who are having a party the noise levels have to be finished by 11:00 p.m. There is only one sign in the town in regards to the noise ordinance; Chief Brown will order more signage.
- C. Revisit Burning Ordinance:** Mayor Ashley asked the town council to revisit the Town Of Alberta Burning ordinance; no one can have any open air fires until 4:00p.m.
- D. Motion to start work on Gazebo:** The gazebo in the Alberta Town Square needs to be refurbished, Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to begin repairs. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Wynn seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
- E. Decals: Ordinance to include decals in Tax Bill/ Decal Letters:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to incorporate the price of the 2018 town decals in the 2017 personal property tax bill. Including the town decals will save the town almost \$900.00 and could possibly prevent late fees for the residents. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**F. Revisit Letters for Town Ordinance: Penalties, Policies, and Procedures:** Chief Brown and the Advisory Committee will work on the proper verbiage for the penalties, policies, and procedures; will send the letter to Joe Whitby. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to setup the procedures that will follow, when a resident has failed to comply with the town ordinance.

1. Chief Brown will give a verbal warning.
2. The resident will receive a certified letter in the mail with explanation of what particular ordinance is in violation, (will be drafted by town attorney Joseph Whitby).
3. If the resident still has not complied, they will receive a summons to appear in court.

Councilwoman Peterson made the motion to have these procedures, Councilman seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**G. Conditions: Kathleen Blankenship:** The Alberta town council set the conditions for Kathleen Blankenship's farm.

1. 25' footage set back
2. Should any timber be removed, the outside of the fence should be screened with bamboo.
3. The farm needs to be kept clean
4. The Blankenship's need to hire residents in the town to maintain the farm.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to set these four conditions for Kathleen Blankenship. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**H. Budget 2017-2018:** Mayor Ashley went over the proposed budget with the Alberta town council (see attachment). The Town of Alberta proposed budget hearing will May 8, 2017 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to run the proposed budget for fiscal 2017-2018 in the paper. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Announcements /Handouts:**

Mayor Ashley made the announcements including VML 2017 policy nominations and the Brunswick Garden Club flower.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:** Mary Markel stated, “William is doing a jog job picking up trash.” Bill Hudson suggested having 2 visitor recognitions one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have two visitor recognitions. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Ashley asked with there being no further business, do I have a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2017 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Wynn motioned and Councilman Holmes seconded to adjournment, the motion carried unanimously.