

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JULY 10, 2018 AT 4:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 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

Thomas Mabry

Residents & Visitors Present:

Town Attorney, Joseph Whitby
Curt Williams

Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Times Gazette
Rebecca Mullins

Call to Order:

Vice Mayor Wynn asked for the motion to call the July 10, 2018 council meeting to order. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Vice Mayor Wynn recognized the visitors, Curt Williams and Rebecca Mullins.

Approval of Agenda:

Vice Mayor Wynn asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the July 10, 2018 council meeting. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Bills List:

Vice Mayor Wynn asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for the June 12, 2018 Council meeting. Councilwoman Stamps made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Wynn asked for a motion to approve the list of Bills totaling 12,348.88, which includes 5th payment to Hurt & Proffitt for the Tobacco Heritage Trail. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Ozmore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Peterson – Weddington mentioned a house on Oak Street near the sawmill, that has snakes.
2. **Fire Report:** no report available
3. **Police Report:** no report available
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Vice Mayor Wynn presented the deposit total in the amount of 4,210.20 which include Sales Tax and net collections of fines. Vice Mayor Wynn asked for a motion to accept this report. Councilwoman Weddington made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. **Old Firehouse- Handicap Bathroom:** Mayor Ashley stated we are working with a few grants and we need to have a handicap assessable bathroom, where a wheelchair will be able to fit inside and as of right now a wheel chair does not fit inside of the bathrooms in the office and would like to use the restrooms in the Old Firehouse. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to continue the process of cleaning out the Old Firehouse and installation of assessable handicap restroom. Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Bids:** Mayor Ashley and the Town of Alberta council reviewed the Bid placed by Meherrin River Lawn and Landscape for FY 2018-2019 grass cutting services for \$635.00 per month. Unfortunately, the bid was not placed as a yearly bid and needs to be submitted again. Mayor Ashley also stated that Jason Bottoms has been doing a wonderful job.

- C. School Park:** Mayor Ashley stated that she would like to work on the school park and give the children in the Town a nice place for them to play. The school park is now considered hazardous and would like to remove the old wooden set. The town council set the closing time for the park will be at dusk. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to set up a committee for the school park. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Toddler Park:** Mayor Ashley stated there is the perfect area across the street from the office in the Town square for a toddler park, and she has been working together with creative plaything. The quote we have received thus fore is too expensive and will contact Creative Playthings contact Vito Parisi and asked for another quote with something a little smaller. Curt Williams asked, “how will you keep the bigger kids off the toddler park?” Mayor Ashley also stated the same committee members will work on the school park and the toddler park. These committee members include: Toni Celaya, Richard Ozmore, Freida Weddington, William Holmes, and Mayor Diane Ashley. Vice Mayor Wynn asked, “Who will set the guidelines for the park?” Mayor Ashley responded, “the committee will.”
- E. Retirement System- Chief Brown:** Chief Michael Brown is now working as the Full -Time police officer. Mayor Ashley asked Chief Brown to explain the retirement system. Chief Brown stated, “I am currently in the VRS retirement system, but I do not receive any benefits, the retirement does not come directly to me, but after 15 months I can buy back from it. The Town of Alberta will pay, and it will go into the system for retirement.” Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have Chief Michael Brown added to the system to receive retirement benefits. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. Town Pick-Up Truck:** The town pick-up truck, which is used to pick up the residential trash needs to go back into the shop to have work done. The Town Pick-up truck had a blow-out, no air bags were deployed, and the maintenance man hit his face. Mayor Ashley stated until the tires have been replaced we can not pick up the trash, unless someone is willing to let the town use their vehicle. Chief Brown stated we have a contact with Ingram tires. The town clerk will call and set up an appointment to get the tires replaced. Councilman Holmes asked, “which individual can do the residential trash pick-up, you’ve stated that it will be a conflict of interest if I do the trash can you explain that to me?” Mayor Ashley explained, “conflict of interest will have because you are

actually on council, if you did it and volunteered your time that's fine but you will not be able to get payed for it." Councilman Holmes responded, "if one of them found themselves doing the trash by themselves I will volunteer to help them, because they are doing a wonderful job, I walk around, and I can see the difference." Vice Mayor Wynn asked how the people will know that the trash is not being pick-up? Mayor Ashley stated will post on the Front door, in the post office, and on the town website.

- G. Labor Day Event:** Mayor Ashley would like to do a Town celebration, and if the school and Toddler Park are completed we can have a ribbon cutting and include a memorialize celebration that will include some history about the town.

Announcements /Handouts:

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Curt Williams had no comments

Rebecca Mullins stated, "I have asked for a couple years now for no parking... and Mike said he has the signs, Chief Brown responded that's correct but we can't put up the signs without permits, VDOT will have to a survey, to put a no parking sign.

Vice Mayor Wynn stated that we need to do something about the people who have not cleaned their yard, and if some people have cleaned up everyone needs to clean-up.

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the July 10, 2018 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, and the motion carried unanimously.