

**TOWN OF ALBERTA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 4:00 PM.**

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 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**

**Residents & Visitors Present:**

Town Attorney, Joseph Whitby  
Curt Williams

Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Times Gazette  
Fire Chief, Buddy Hyde

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Diane Ashley asked for the motion to call the August 14, 2018 council meeting to order. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:**

Mayor Ashley recognized the visitors, Curt Williams, Sylvia Allen, and Buddy Hyde. There were no comments.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 14, 2018 council meeting. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes and Bills List:**

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for the July 10, 2018 Council meeting. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the list of Bills totaling 10,951.52, which includes 6<sup>th</sup> payment to Hurt & Proffitt for the Tobacco Heritage Trail. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Mayor Ashley mentioned the bob cat that was spotted in town on West First Avenue on August 6, 2018, please be careful when going outside and with the children outside. We cannot use firearms in the Town limits, but please be aware. The trash Pick-up is now twice a week, while the truck was in need of repair, one of the maintenance men had gotten hurt, but the EPA was called because the trash was not being picked up, the trash pick is a free service and because of the complaints the trash removal will now be twice a week on Monday and Friday afternoons and please have the trash outside by 12:00 p.m. The sheriff office is cutting down the limbs on the street, and the maintenance men will pick-up the limbs.
2. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Buddy Hyde presented the July fire report, which included 8 answered calls to the Town of Alberta, and 11 ems transport. Fire Chief Buddy explained that the AVFD is still understaffed but have had a few new hires, that have gone through medicals physicals, the state requires background check and we require physicals. Mayor Ashley asked Chief Hyde, had the AVFD thought of instituting the implicit bias testing? Chief Hyde responded that we do not have any of those problems, and never had and we have the most diverse company.
3. **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the police report with 17 reckless driving and 10 speeding.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the deposit total in the amount of 5,253.56 which include Sales Tax and net collections of fines.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Old Firehouse- Handicap Bathroom:** The Sheriff's office has been working with Chief Brown and the construction of the handicap restrooms is in progress and going well.
- B. Bids:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to accept the grass cutting bid for Meherrin River Lawn & Landscape for FY 2018-2019 for \$7, 000.00. Councilwoman Peterson-Weddington made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. School Park:** Mayor Ashley is working closely with Vito Parisi at Creative Playthings and would like to build a basketball court at the school park.
- D. Toddler Park:** The toddler park will cost 15,826.54 (see attachment). The town has 2 CDs in the bank and would like to liquidate one of the CDs to purchase both the toddler park and the basketball court. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to liquid \$20,000.00 from the CD to purchase both the toddler park and the basketball court. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Town of Alberta council needs to place a bid to run in the paper for 2 weeks for the installation and equipment for both the toddler park and basketball court. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to place a bid in the paper for the equipment and installation for the toddler park at the Alberta Town Square, and the Full Court Basketball Court at the school park. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- E. Retirement System- Chief Brown:** Mayor Ashley and Chief Michael Brown have a conference call with a representative from VRS- Virginia Retirement System later this week to discuss the process and what needs to be done for Chief Brown.
- F. Town Pick-Up Truck:** The tires have been replaced, the only thing that needs to be fixed is the recall in which the vehicle needs to be taken to Boyd and will be completed soon.
- G. Labor Day Event:** The Town of Alberta Labor Day event is set for Monday September 3, 2018 at 2: 00p.m, the flag will be raised, refreshments will be served.

**New Business:**

- A. Loan Resolution:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the resolution as written, subject to town attorney approval. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes second, and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Check for Toddler Park:** Tabled until the next council meeting.
- C. AVFD- Disbursement Check:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to sign the AVFD disbursement check from the state in the amount of 10,000.00. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. 1419 Virginia Ave/ Virginia Ave and Boydton Plank Road Intersection:** Vice Mayor Wynn stated, that the owner of the property has died, and the grass needs to be cut. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have Meherrin River Lawn and Landscape cut the grass. Councilman Holmes made the motion, Vice Mayor seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to set-up a committee to clean up the trail for the school park. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Vice Mayor Wynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements /Handouts:** Dr. Christopher Ackerman, Lawrenceville Primary Care will be coming to the Alberta Town Square to do blood pressure screening, dates will be posted later.

**Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:**

**Adjournment:** Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the August 14, 2018 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, and the motion carried unanimously.