

TOWN OF ALBERTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 4:00 PM.

The Alberta Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 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 Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Times Gazette
Bernadette Gunn

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Mayor Ashley recognized the visitor local resident Bernadette Gunn.

Mayor Ashley explained that if you have something to express to the council, now will be the time do so, and she understands that a lot of people cannot stay until the end of the meeting, and the council gives them the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting as well as at the end.

There were no comments currently.

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the September 18, 2018 council meeting. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Ozmore 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 August 14, 2018 Council meeting. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilwoman Stamps seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to approve the list of Bills totaling \$7,811.35, which includes the quarterly payment to Virginia Municipal League Insurance. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington mentioned the house by the saw mill, tree branches have fallen of the tree.

Vice Mayor stated that the water level at the same house was high.

Mayor Ashley also stated "I have an issue, I received a phone call on Sunday from Toni, {Brittany Lewis had contacted Toni} that my dog was loose and had attacked a cat. I have asked that people not come to the office about my personal business, I have had people come onto my property and take things....my dogs do not attack people, but you never know when an animal will attack someone... The persons that let my dogs are lucky that the dogs had not attacked them or someone's child. Stay off my property, I will be leaving this office on December 31, 2018...

Bernadette Gunn stated that the dogs in her opinion were not properly cared for, she has been to the house to water the dogs, and do not like the animals being tied up, Mayor Ashley stated that the town has an ordinance were the dogs are supposed to be tethered. Mayor Ashley also stated, that there five houses in the town of Alberta that have burned down, and the only concern is her home, there is one house on Second avenue that has been empty for the last 15 years and the coyotes live there. The issue is not the house, the issue is me. Bernadette Gunn took a few cats and spade them; the town has reimbursed her for the money that was spent.

2. **Fire Report:** No report available.
3. **Police Report:** Mayor Ashley presented the police report with 22 reckless driving and 10 speeding.
4. **Administrative & Finance/Economic Development:** Mayor Ashley presented the deposit list in the amount of \$7,391.96 which include Sales Tax and net collections of fines.

Mayor Ashely also stated that the town has a separate police account, where 10% of the fines collected by Chief Brown will be deposited into the account.

Old Business:

- A. School Park:** We have liquidated on of the CD's, we have spoken to the accountants at Creedle, Jones, and & Alga who suggested that the town place the \$300.00, that was in the School park account into the General Account and to place the \$20,000.00 into the School park account that way there won't be any confusion. There were no other bids for the toddler park. The consultant for creative things, Vito Parisi is also looking into a basketball court, he knows and understand the budget for the Town of Alberta and will be in connect with the town, and the installation of the park should begin within 2-3 weeks.
- B. Toddler Park:** Covered with School Park.
- C. Retirement System- Chief Brown:** Mayor Ashley and Chief Brown spoke with Zaeann, the representative for Virginia Retirement System, Chief Brown is dually fuel time employed with both the Chesterfield Fire department, (Chief Brown has the retirement plan) and the Town of Alberta, she suggested that the Town of Alberta get in contact with Chesterfield, have them increase the retirement and then the Town of Alberta reimburse Chesterfield Fire Department.
- D. 1419 Virginia Ave/ Virginia Ave and Boydton Plank Road Intersection:** We have reaches out to Jason Bottoms, if we do not have a response from Meherrin River Lawn and Landscape, the town maintenance will cut the property and will rent a lawn mower. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have the maintenance men cut the property. Councilwoman Peterson- Weddington made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Check for Toddler Park:** The check for Creative Playthings has been sent out.
- B. Account for Toddler Park/ Basketball Court:** The CD has been liquidated and placed in the School park account.

C. Exit Audit: Mayor Ashley last day will be December 31, 2018 and has asked for an Exit audit. The audit will be completed and available by the November 9, 2018 council meeting. Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to have an exit audit. Councilman Ozmore made the motion, Councilman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements /Handouts: Mayor Ashley and Dr. Ackerman have come together. Dr. Ackerman has a mobile van and will be doing assessments at the Alberta Town Square.

Resident and Visitors Recognition/ Comments:

Adjournment: Mayor Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the September 18, 2018 Alberta Town Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Wynn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Holmes, and the motion carried unanimously.