

The Alberta Town Council held its regular scheduled Town Council meeting on December 12th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom also. Vice-Mayor Rebecca Spengler, presiding.

Council Members Present:

Elizabeth (Beth) Crowder, Freida Peterson, Armenta Stamps, Charles Moore, Mable Wynn

Also present:

Joe Whitby

Sylvia Allen

Savannah Hall, Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Rebecca motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Beth unanimously carried the agenda for the December 12th, 2022, meeting was approved with the addition of Post Cards added to New Business.

Approve Minutes

Minutes were provided in the council packs for each council member. On motion by Beth, seconded by William, unanimously carried, the minutes of the November 14th, 2022, Town Council meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens' Comments

Approve Bills

Total Bills for the month of November amounted to \$2,825.53. On motion by Beth & seconded by William, unanimously carried, the approval was granted to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,825.53.

Attorney Report-Joe Whitby

Joe had no report at this time.

Clerks Report- Savannah Hall

Savannah reported to the Town of Alberta council that the office will be closed on Monday December 26th in observance of Christmas. Savannah will be working from home on Friday December 23rd as well as Tuesday December 27th. The Town of Alberta did purchase the Service Master Lot in the amount of \$2,000 dollars. This money was taken out of our building and grounds fund. The Town Council will need to approve a budget amendment for this transaction. Savannah received a request from Cheryl Johnson regarding additional streetlights being added to Main Street and by Red Oak Hall. Mainly the concern was Main Street people that must walk to the store. Savannah will contact Dominion and see what can be done about this. Chengxiang Zhang applied to Savannah to have his property rezoned to mixed use so that the property is both commercial and residential. Savannah spoke with Bernard Jones and seeds for the Community

Garden need to be planted by the end of January, first of February therefore we need to schedule a meeting for everyone that wants to be involved or that wants a bed.

Monthly Budget Report- November

Beth motioned to approve the budget for November, seconded by Freida, unanimously carried the budget for the month of November was approved.

Committee Reports

Fire Report – Ted, Fire Chief with Alberta Fire Department was present at the meeting to give the Fire Report. Ted reported on behalf of Alberta, they had run 20 fire calls for the month, 9 MVC, 2 calls within town limits, 15 out of town limits, 55 EMS calls dispatched, 12 Aid given, 3 BLS calls, 6 ALS calls. 25 Transported, 4 MVC/Vehicle Fire, 27 EMS calls out of town limits, and 18 calls out of the district.

Police Report – Mike, Alberta Police was present at the meeting to give the Police Report. Mike reported on behalf of the Alberta Police Department that he had 5 speeding, 8 reckless driving, 0 DUI, 4 public assists, 5 assisting other agencies, & 4 court hours.

Administrative & Finance/Economic Development – Becky stated that the committee would hold a Budget meeting on January 5th in regards to the 2023-2024 planning for the budget. The Old Fire House still needs work done. Unfortunately, we have not received any quotes from contractors to do the work. The grant money is available and ready to be used for the work that needs to be done. Becky also stated that if the new mayor could not be available to attend meetings that begin at 5:30 he may not be available to sign paperwork or checks that need to be signed therefore she would like to propose that the Vice Mayor still have authority to sign documents as well as checks. Postcards must go out monthly and sent to all Town Council members. She stated that the council wanted to propose that only Savannah, Town Clerk and Mike Brown APD be the only two employees allowed near the public records. If anyone would like a copy of these please make that request to Savannah during normal business hours.

Caboose Committee – No meeting held.

Public Safety- Charles Moore stated that he is concerned about the stop bar at the stop sign at the junction is too into Route One. He questioned should it be back further and not out in the middle of Route One? It was determined this would be investigated to determine what action needs to be taken.

Personnel Committee – Freida stated that all of the citizens were grateful for the trash cans that were donated to our citizens from the Town of Lawrenceville. Beth mentioned that Personnel did a great job in preparing/ cleaning up for the Town of Alberta Christmas Parade. Savannah, Jamie, and Frankie went above and beyond to help make the day great. Rebecca mentioned we need to put the Employee Guideline policy in place in the Code Book in reference to vacation and sick days. Rebecca stated that she would get a template to Savannah to work on for next month's meeting.

Special Events Committee –

Old Business

Proposing to purchase Mike Brown a new computer system-

New Business

Welcoming of new Mayor, Robert Hayes, and new council members- Rebecca stated that the Alberta Town Council would like to welcome the new Mayor, Robert Hayes, and new councilman Curt Williams. She stated that the council were eager to bring new faces and ideas to the Alberta Town Council.

Thank you from the Town Council to Rebecca Spengler, Acting Mayor for the Town of Alberta- Beth stated on behalf of the Town of Alberta many thanks to Rebecca Spengler for serving as the Acting Mayor for the Town of Alberta as well as Armenta Stamps and Mable Wynn for filling the vacant seats on Town Council. The town is very grateful for all the hard work and dedication each of you put into serving on Town Council.

Proposing to set a CUP Application Fee in place for the Town of Alberta- Becky stated that each council member received examples of CUP Application from other localities and that we should table this until our legal council could review these as to which would be appropriate to adopt for Alberta. Beth made a motion to table this until legal council could review, seconded by Freida, unanimously carried it was approved to table the CUP Application until next meeting.

Post Cards- Rebecca stated how much the citizens have enjoyed receiving postcards every month but the amount of returned mail we receive from these has become costly. We will only send these postcards to our Town Council and the citizens that did not have theirs returned in the past. Beth motioned to approve to start sending out post cards again, seconded by William, unanimously carried it was approved to send post cards to only citizens that do not have their mail returned.

Citizens' Comments

Robert Hayes let the citizens of Alberta know how honored he is to be serving as the new Mayor for the Town and if anyone needed anything to please reach out to him. He looked forward to working together with everyone to try to bring more things into Alberta. He also invited Town Council and our Town personnel to the annual Fire Department Banquet Dinner on January 14th at 6:00 PM.

Closed Session

Adjourn – There being no further business, on motion by Beth, seconded by Freida, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca Spengler
Acting Mayor

Savannah Hall
Town Clerk/Treasurer