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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2025, 5:30pm

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL:** Charles Moore, DeeDee Crawford, Sarah Underdue, Rebecca Spengler, Freida Weddington; Mayor Robert Hayes, Presiding
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **Motion to accept the agenda for August 11, 2025** with the alteration of moving Alberta Solar: Decommissioning Agreement to 1st Recognition of Visitors made by Rebecca Spengler; seconded by Freida Weddington, carried.
- **Motion to accept the Minutes for July 14, 2025** made by Freida Weddington; seconded by Rebecca Spengler; carried.
- **Motion to Approve Billes Received July 14, 2025 – August 11, 2025 totalling \$8,125.68** made by Freida Weddington; Seconded by Sarah Underdue; carried.
- **Recognition of Citizens / Visitors:**
 - Andy Brownstein, Greenhurlocker, PLC & Tom Holt, Ameresco: Alberta Solar Decommissioning Agreement. In the case of a commissioning, the Agreement would allow for the property owner to receive the bond first and if they do not use it then the Town would get it. Joe Whitby has had time to look over the Agreement and found it to be good but would like to see how they came up with the bond amount. Tom Holt was able to show Joe Whitby the documentation. Joe Whitby was satisfied. Charles Moore questioned why this is coming up at this time. Tom Holt explained that it was the next step in accordance to the Town of Alberta Solar Facilities Article 19. The process was already in place with the Town Councils approval. Today is merely to formally allow the property owner first right to the Bond. Rebecca Spengler made a motion to approve allowing the property owner to be placed first; Seconded by Freida Weddington; carried.

- **REPORT OF MAYOR – Mayor ROBERT HAYES, SR.**

- Pest Control: Asked 4 companies for quotes for inside and outside town offices and old fire hall; general pest control for park and caboose.
 - Commonwealth Exterminators \$470.00
 - Pest Pros \$125
 - A Motion to accept the bid for Pest Pros made by Freida Weddington; Seconded by DeeDee Crawford; carried
- Tablecloth: Asked many vendors to quote on a 3-sided, fitted tablecloth with TOA Emblem on it. Only Dogwood Graphics submitted a quote. One Tablecloth is 219.76 plus tax. Two tablecloths are \$390.15 plus tax. A motion was made to approve the purchase of two tablecloths for \$390.15 plus tax was made by Sarah Underdue; Seconded by Freida Weddington; carried.
- Mayor Hayes has completed a spreadsheet for maintenance. He will be talking with them on Friday.
- Farmers market doing well. Mayor Hayes went to McKenney market last Friday and to South Hill on Saturday. It seemed to him that South Hill had more arts and crafts than farmers.
- Robert will be meeting with Andy at SSPD on Friday to discuss possible grants for the caboose and a possible skate park.

- **REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY – MR. JOE WHITBY**

- **REPORT OF TREASURER/CLERK- Mrs. Beth Crowder**

- Merchant Services: FCB waiting for clarification from Robert
- DMV STOP. The system will cost us \$65 for 4 years. There will be a processing fee of \$25 when we place a hold and we remove a hold (\$50 total). It was confirmed with Joe Whitby that it is within our legal rights to pass that \$50 fee on to the taxpayer. Beth Crowder has already spoken with Southern Software as to how to manually place the \$50 penalty onto the vehicles. There are 70 Personal Properties Accounts presently in arrears. A Motion was made to pay the \$65 software fee out of Technical Upgrades and apply the \$50/vehicle fine to the taxpayer was made by Rebecca Spengler; Second by Freida Weddington; carried.
- Zoning Commission will be meeting August 25 to discuss a few matters that have come up.
- Back to School: 45 Students were served! We are still accepting donations to replenish supplies so we can continue to share as needs arise.
- A motion to accept the Treasurers Report made by Rebecca; seconded by Sarah Underdue; carried

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – July

A motion to accept the July Budget report made by Sarah Underdue,
Seconded by Freida Weddington, carried.

- **REPORT OF THE TOWN MAINTENANCE DEPT** ~~Mr. Jamie Britt~~ Mayor Hayes
 - Personnel will be interviewing for the seasonal employee on Friday
 - Lawn Mower in the repair shop needing \$688.31 worth of repairs. Carl Wright believes the lawn mower is being abused. A motion to pay to fix the lawn mower was made by Freida Weddington; Charles seconded; carried.
 - Sarah Underdue suggested we have more specific guidelines for maintenance department.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **FIRE REPORT** – Alberta Volunteer Fire Department (report attached). Ted Smith mentioned they are working to get a \$100,000 grant for a new ambulance as their newest ambulance is a 2013. National Night Out was a success.
- **POLICE REPORT** ~~Officer Michael Brown, APD~~ Mayor Hayes
 - Looking to get 3 more Flock Cameras in this area as the one we have now has been very instrumental in finding lost people.
- Did not meet this past month: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMISSION
- **FARMER'S MARKET COMMITTEE** – Mayor Robert Hayes, Chairman. Minutes of meeting attached.

A motion to accept and implement Committee Reports was made by Freida Weddington; Seconded by Rebecca Spengler; carried.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Uneven Sidewalks – Robert will talk to Andy Wells (SSPD) on Friday
- Merchant Services – Pending

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- ~~Alberta Solar: Decommissioning Agreement~~ Moved to Recognition of Visitors at the beginning of the meeting.
- Mayor Hayes would like to address the need for playground mulch. This has been tabled until next month as it was not on the agenda.

- **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS**

- Glenda Gilliam, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors
 - Congratulations! She is hearing great things about the Alberta Farmers Market!
 - Thank you for the letter supporting the Bellflower Project
 - Would like to use the Town of Alberta Town Square for a CITIZENS UNITED COMMUNITY EVENT on September 20, 2025 from 2pm-5pm. There will be food, vendors, fellowship, and fun
- **A motion to adjourn** was made by Rebecca Spengler and seconded by Freida Weddington; carried unanimously.