

Council Meeting

September 17, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council - Sharon Briggs, Betsy Huegelman, Kyle Cirncione.

Mayor LeDuc read the Council Rules of Conduct.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 5th meeting were read by the clerk, Nancy Tome. Public Comment was made by Loreen Felstet, wanting to correct the minutes regarding a response to her question she asked last meeting, to say, 'Former Chief Calhoun said they would not be used'. Kyle motioned to approve the minutes with the addition of Loreen Felstet's comments, Betsy 2nd. All approved.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$38,083.57. Motion to approve the claims made by Kyle. Betsy 2nd. All approved.

Water/Sewer: Charlei Jenkins was not present, and his report was read by the Clerk. His report stated that a few different sized meters had to be ordered – but that 93% have been installed. Still working out the kinks of getting the new meter system running but should be fully operational by October. We will be getting material and working on the roads once the RLC punch list is completed. Broken sprinkler by the gazebo is fixed. We are looking to sketch a map of the sprinkler system, perhaps next spring. We are gearing up for winter – mowing the lagoon, servicing the machines and getting plows ready. Troy looked into tires for the skid steer.

Approval of the Tire Rama invoice for tires for \$848 was approved by Betsy, Kyle 2nd, all approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Water Project: Paul Montgomery was not present, and his report was read by the Clerk. I have not received RLC's Pay App #7 – which is critical to determine affordability of the remaining project items. I've been pestering them for a month and will continue to do so in order to ensure the final project expenditures are within the existing project budget. As of funding package #18, there is \$124,958.91 remaining in AAMCE contract to get to the finish line. We currently have approx. \$74k in unbilled engineering services. All distribution piping/services complete. There were no problems noted at the MT Dept of Commerce compliance visit to Alberton on 9/16.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Quarterly Reports

County Attorney – Not in attendance

Sheriff – Sgt Allard – 85.5 hours with 97 total calls. There is an open deputy position. They can apply at the Mineral County Clerk and Records office.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Old Business: Local Government Review volunteers are still needed.

Resolution 346 to adopt the Bear Aware Management Plan was read aloud by Mayor LeDuc. Approved by Kyle, Sharon 2nd, all approved.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

New Business: Amy Parks was present to present a Resolution for the Town to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Western Montana Region which covers potential hazard impacts to the town and how to manage them. Resolution was read by Mayor LeDuc. Motion to approve was made by Kyle, Betsy 2nd, all approved.

Public Comment: Christopher Cunio commented about how the costs of living in a floodplain have gone up. A brief discussion ensued about floodplains.

PEAK (Promoting Excellence in Alberton Area Kids) – Erin Kelly and Samantha Balk passed around a flyer for their upcoming plans for the holiday season. They received a grant from the Mental Health Assoc. They are looking for volunteers for the events/classes. Mayor LeDuc offered to volunteer at some of these events – and the upcoming event at the Brovold Orchard.

No public comment.

Clerk Notes: The upcoming election will be a standard vote in-person (or absentee) ballot situation. Voting will be held on Nov 4th at St Albert's Catholic Church from 12pm- 8pm. John Squire II will be listed on the ballot and he can receive votes but, due to the fact that he no longer resides in Alberton town limits, he will not qualify, by law, to become an Alberton Councilmember.

Updates were also given on the status of the water billing process regarding delays due to software issues.

Emergency repair invoice was submitted for significant water intrusion into the office basement. Pictures provided to council. Invoice was for \$700 but it could end up being a bit higher once the repair has started. Motion to approve the invoice was approved by Kyle, Sharon 2nd, all approved.

Public Comment: Bob Summerfield with Bear Smart Alberton – Grant funding has been received and the group used some of that money to hire Dr. Jennifer Fortin-Noreus as a part time assistant. Bob also introduced a new volunteer – Avery Jones, who is a UM Grad in Environmental Sciences.

James Junkle (US Fish/Parks) says that local bear activity is very quiet, but the season is not over yet. Samantha Balk commented that they have seen mountain lions on a neighbor's cameras.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kyle, Betsy, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.



Town Clerk



Mayor