

TOWN OF ALBERTON

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alberton was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Alberton Community Center, 701 Railroad Avenue, Alberton, Montana, by Mayor Loreen M. Felstet (presiding officer/chairperson).

ROLL CALL Present:

- Mayor Loreen M. Felstet
- Council President Timothy Fox
- Council Vice President Sharon Briggs
- Councilmember Kyle Cirinciano

QUORUM A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT Public comment was opened. Members of the public expressed concerns regarding the fairness and sequencing of the candidate selection process for the vacant council seat, noting that interviews had occurred prior to full discussion of legal and procedural issues.

AGENDA ITEM: FILLING VACANT COUNCIL SEAT – CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS & PROCEDURAL REVIEW Standardized interview questions had previously been asked of the candidates (Carrie [last name], Harish Bharadwaj, and one additional candidate), with each given equal time to respond.

The Deputy County Attorney reviewed pre-meeting communications (text messages) among council members and advised that they raised concerns under Montana's Open Meetings Law (MCA 2-3-213) regarding quorum and process validity.

Council President Timothy Fox formally recused himself from further participation in the selection process.

Councilmember Kyle Cirinciano also recused himself.

Additional public comment was heard on the record, including formal objections to the process and a request to restart the entire application and interview procedure for transparency and compliance.

The decision was made unanimously by the council to restart the entire vacant council seat application and interview process from the beginning, with notification to all prior applicants and a commitment to full legal compliance. Apologies were extended to the candidates for the procedural issues.

The selection process for the vacant council seat was officially reopened.

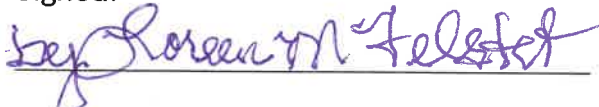
OTHER BUSINESS

- **Budget Amendment Meeting:** Scheduling and procedural steps were confirmed.
- **Office Closure:** Closure for staff training was noted/approved as previously discussed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

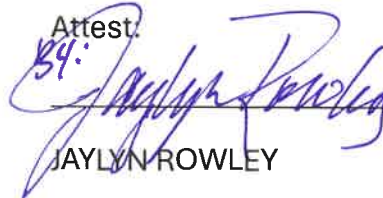
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LOREEN M FELSTET

MAYOR

Attest:



JAYLYN ROWLEY

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND FINALLY APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Alberton, Mineral County, State of Montana on the second reading following a public hearing at a regular session held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

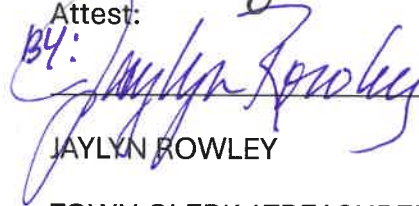
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