TOWN OF ALBERTON

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alberton was called to order by Mayor Loreen Felstet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Alberton Community Center.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Loreen Felstet
- Council President Timothy Fox
- Council Vice President Sharon Briggs
- Councilmember Kyle Cirincione
- Councilmember Kari Riebe

A quorum is present.

Staff Present:

- Deputy Clerk Shannon Cunio
- Public Works Manager Charlei Jenkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Keren Wolhart questioned why the ADA compliance is only being talked about regarding the Community Center – why not the office and the museum too?

REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Tim Fox moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included:

- Previous Meeting Minutes – August 4, August 11, August 19 and August 20, 2026
- Claims & Payroll for August 2026

Second: Kyle Cirincione.

Roll Call Vote:
- Timothy Fox: Yes
- Sharon Briggs: Yes
- Kyle Cirincione: Yes
- Keri Riebe: Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

• **Clerk/Treasurer Deputy Clerk Shannon Cunio** – Budget has now moved to the prior year's reconciliation. I have set up a meeting with Montana Rural Water to check and make sure our water, and wastewater rates are appropriate. I will also be following up with the Montana League of Town and Cities to get a crash course on Government accounting so I can be more proficient in the process.

• **Public Works Manager Charlie Jenkins** – Town streets were bladed after the rain. Blow-out of the park sprinklers will happen in mid-October. Museum painting prep has finished, and they are in the painting phase. School service line project was completed.

Water usage is down with the change in the weather. The lagoon pump was sounding bad, so it was pulled up and a stainless-steel strap was found in it. The other pump was checked, and it had a large rock in it – very odd for both.

The warranty walk-through was completed with Master Meter regarding non-functional water meters.

Graffiti in the skate park pool was brought up and Deputy Jack Hughes suggested they do soda blasting which will preserve the coating on the pool.

MONTHLY REPORTS

• **Sheriff's Office** – Report presented by Deputy Jack Hughes. 98 calls for a total of 86.75 hours.

• **Fire District** – Report presented by Fire Chief Damian Frisby. The past weekend had high levels of calls. The question was raised on how they get to remote fires? Chief Frisby said they work with the Forest Service and they have a truck from them that they man with staff.

• **County Planner** – Not present.

• **Town Engineer** – Not present. Charlei mentioned that the grant applications have been submitted and it's currently with the EPA.

• **Town Attorney** – Not present.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Changing date and time of regular Town Council meetings.

Discussion: The school district and fire department both hold their meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and we want to avoid that day. 7pm seems to be the preferred time. Shannon said that just moving the meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday would be a help due to office hours as the requirement for posting is 48 hours.

Motion: Kyle Cirincione made a motion to move the meeting to the 2nd Wed of each month.

Second: Sharon Briggs.

Roll Call Vote:
- Timothy Fox: Yes
- Sharon Briggs: Yes
- Kyle Cirincione: Yes
- Kari Riebe: Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE (First Reading) – FIREARMS (Ordinance No. 9-2)

Motion: Kyle Cirincione moved to accept the first reading.

Second: Sharon Briggs.

Roll Call Vote:
- Timothy Fox: Yes
- Sharon Briggs: Yes
- Kyle Cirincione: Yes
- Kari Riebe: Yes

MAYORS REPORT

PEAK would like to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss 1 to 2 park benches and where to put them in the park.

The mayor has used her executive authority to form the Community Center Committee. Their focus is to make a proposal to the Town on how to move forward with work on the

building, as well as procuring grants to get the work done and update the facility. The committee is headed by Sharon Briggs and includes Blue Cutler, Reece Cox and Christopher Cunio. Shannon Cunio will assist in keeping notes and a Town member will assist in the grant writing.

The mayor wants to work on Council adhesion and operation. It was suggested to put the meeting on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Natasha Knight: childcare is an issue in Alberton, and she would like to be more involved.
Connie Hart: Apple festival is set for Saturday, October 3rd from 12pm to 4pm in Hank Roat Park. Activities include a free fruit press, bear spray training and spray purchase for a great price, and the chance to ask for help with fruit gleaning (collecting leftover crops) if you are in need.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Klye Cirincione moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Kari Riebe.

Roll Call Vote:
- Timothy Fox: Yes
- Sharon Briggs: Yes
- Kyle Cirincione: Yes
- Kari Riebe: Yes

Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Loreen M Felstet

LOREEN M FELSTET

MAYOR

Attest:

SHANNON CUNIO

DEPUTY 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 14 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Signed:

Loreen M Felstet

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MAYOR

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