CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019

Mayor Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Stacey Graus  Present
Bob Simon    Present
Sue Neltner  Present

Susan Vanlandingham Present
Scott Fleckinger Present
Kyle Sparks   Present

Also:  Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
       Lucas Cooper, Police Chief

Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 31, 2019 Special Meeting

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2019 special meeting, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Cellis Eaton, 1 Bittersweet – Sue Neltner presented the Beautification Award Certificate for Best Winter/Christmas Yard to Cellis Eaton, in honor of his wife Viola.

Sgt. Natalie Selby, Presentation of Awards for VIPS – Sgt. Selby, coordinator of the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) program, stated that the Alexandria Police Department utilizes the voluntary services of its citizens to enhance existing police services and improve the effectiveness of the organization. Last February, the City of Alexandria, along with the Red Cross, opened up the Community Center for flood victims. Because of the volunteers, the Community Center was manned the entire time the doors were open. In 2018, the VIPS logged a total of 3,988 hours. The following volunteers were recognized: Gayle Zinda, Police Chaplin, Dr. Jim Dahmenn, Sandy Decker, Nathan Nogueras, Charlie Grow. The following VIPS were recognized: Denny Newberry, Jerry Bowman, Harold Hornsby & Rick Montgomery. Sgt. Selby thanked the City for their support of the VIPS program.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following
MUN ORD #2019-01: Appointing Jeffrey Wagner as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a three-year term to expire on 12/31/2021.
MUN ORD #2019-08: Appointing Stephanie McDole as a regular member of the Code Enforcement Board for a three-year term to expire on 12/31/2021.

MOTION: Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve Municipal Orders #2019-01 and #2019-06 through #2019-09, seconded by Stacy Graus. All in favor, motion passed with a 6-0-0.

Mayor Schabell thanked those serving on the Boards and Commissions as they are important to the City. He also announced there are a few openings on some of the boards and those will be posted on the website and Facebook.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – Jan Johannemann: The Assistant City Clerk, Ramona Williams, has resigned and has accepted the position of City Clerk in Falmouth. The City will be hiring a part-time Administrative Clerk. The job posting has been advertised in the Campbell County Recorder and posted on the website and Facebook. Applications are now being accepted.

Police Department: Chief Cooper provided an Activity Report for January (attached). The police department had two new officers start this week and two others have just graduated from the Academy and will be on the streets. January has been a busy month. Mayor Schabell would like to see an Activity Report on a monthly basis.

Mr. Sparks received an email from a concerned citizen regarding dangerous road and traffic conditions on East Main Street between Riley Road and Thatcher Court. The email stated that traffic conditions have changed and the area is not patrolled. Chief Cooper stated that particular area is not a spot the department has received a lot of complaints about. The speed traffic device will be set up in that area to begin collecting data. Chief Cooper responded to the citizen’s email and directed them to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for road signs and lighting as Riley Road and East Main Street are maintained by the State. Chief Cooper also pulled the collision data for the past 5 years and there have been 11 collisions in that particular area.

Fire Department: Mayor Schabell sent the yearly report from the Fire Department to Council via email and directed them to talk to Chief Pohlman if there were any questions.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Beautification – Sue Neltner: The Committee met tonight. They received 4 bids for the landscaping and maintenance of Washington Street, Tribute Park and North & South signs. The committee is asking the companies for a little more detail on bids and will have more to report in March.

Public Works – Bob Simon: They met tonight to discuss the 2019-2020 street program and added a few more streets to the list due to a lower estimate from the engineers.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting is on February 21, 2019. If anyone has items they would like to discuss, please pass them along.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Fleckinger’s Resignation: Due to Mr. Fleckinger purchasing a house outside of the city, he has to resign his position on City Council. His last meeting will be February 21st. Mayor Schabell informed council that since this is a general election year, council will appoint someone now, then there will be a special election for one council seat this November. Council must decide how they want to appoint a person. Mr. Graus suggested council set a date for applications to be submitted, then have council members review the applications in executive session. If the cutoff date is February 28th, the applications could be reviewed at the first meeting in March. A cover letter and resume can be attached to the application. Mr. Duncan stated the law does not prescribe how council has to fill the opening. They can decide at the first March meeting to interview potential candidates, and then seat the person at the second meeting so that there is only one meeting without a full council.
Mayor Schabell stated whomever fills this position will keep the seat until the November 2019 election has been certified. Then the individual who wins the November election would have the council seat for the balance of the two-year term.

Applications are due before 3:30 p.m., February 28th. Applicants must be a resident of Alexandria for at least one year.

COMMUNICATIONS

- March 16, 2019, 9:00-2:00pm: 2nd Annual Spring Craft Show. All booths are now booked. Admission is $2.

Executive Session: Mr. Simon suggested that council wait until a later meeting to have the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 2/21/19

Andy Schabell, Mayor

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