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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of March 21, 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	Susan Vanlandingham	Present
Bob Simon	Present	Sue Neltner	Present
Kyle Sparks	Present	Tom Baldrige	Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Joann Hackworth, Treasurer

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

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

Mike Duncan administered the Oath of Office to new council member, Tom Baldrige.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Tom Baldrige abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – Jan Johannemann: The new part-time Administrative Clerk, Lori Davis, started this week and will work 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Public Works: See report attached. Salt was delivered.

Zoning: See report attached.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting is May 16. If anyone would like to add anything to the agenda, contact Ms. Vanlandingham.

Finance – Stacey Graus: The Committee met this evening to discuss the 2019-2020 budget.

Business Retention & Development – Stacey Graus: The first meeting of this Committee was held this evening where direction and purpose was discussed.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committees – Mayor Schabell explained that with the new addition of Tom Baldrige, they would redo the council committees. Each council committee has a chair and two members. The following is the new structure.

Finance:	Chair – Graus	Simon	Vanlandingham
Public Works:	Chair – Simon	Baldrige	Vanlandingham
Beautification:	Chair – Neltner	Sparks	Baldrige
Safety:	Chair – Vanlandingham	Graus	Neltner
Bs. Retention & Dev. Committee:	Chair – Sparks	Graus	Neltner
Personnel:	Chair – Baldrige	Sparks	Simon

Communication Proposal – Ms. Vanlandingham would like the Mayor to organize a town hall meeting to solicit information from the community and businesses. In past years, there has been one per year, and all council agreed this is a good idea. Council discussed ideas on how to boost attendance. This meeting will be scheduled for May 2nd at the Community Center. In addition to regular Agenda items, core topics will include speeding in neighborhoods, business development, communication to the public, and any other general comments or concerns.

Agenda Items – Mayor Schabell announced he will be modifying the agenda items starting the next meeting. “Council and Mayor Comments” will be added to the Agenda in order to give council members a chance to share what they have been doing for the city.

Mr. Simon said in driving around the city he has noticed a number of issues that code enforcement should be addressing. In the past when this was brought up, the former Police Chief had lobbied for extra hours for the Code Enforcement Officer, stating that as the reason items were missed. Chief Cooper is willing to discuss this and wants to make sure all issues are addressed. The Mayor pointed out there are different perspectives to consider, but the city should be more proactive than reactive when addressing code violations. It may come down to hiring a 2nd part-time Code Enforcement officer, giving more hours to the current one, or having an un-sworn employee. There needs to be someone checking on occupational licenses for companies working inside the city and noting the dilapidated buildings that are falling down.

Mr. Sparks said there needs to be follow through with those who are violating a code. They should know that the City is serious about code enforcement. He asked if there was a historical follow through on what our Code Enforcement Officer has done and how far it’s gone in the process. Chief Cooper said for example and from a legal standpoint, the Police Department can give ticket after ticket, but the courts won’t take the case to make them pay. However, a matter might have more “teeth” with the court system if it is pushed by both the City and the Police Department.

Mr. Duncan explained the city has a Code Enforcement Board and Property Maintenance Appeals Board. He walked through the process from initial complaint to the violator coming before the board to appeal. Most properties are brought into compliance before the case has to be brought to the board. If a case goes before the Code Enforcement Board, a fine is issued. If the fine is not paid, then the City can put a lien on the property, and in extreme cases, foreclose on the lien.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Community Park has been stocked with catfish and rainbow trout. Be mindful of trash and tackle when fishing to protect the wildlife at the park.
- April 6, 8:00 am-1:00 pm – Shred Day @ Furniture Fair, 3710 Alexandria Pike. Donations will benefit Ch. 9 Crime Stoppers
- May 17 & 18, 8:00 am-5:00 pm – Campbell County Spring Clean-up


The Craft Show was a huge success with a full house of vendors and a steady flow of shoppers throughout the day. Vendors were happy with the turn out and Mayor Schabell thanked Ms. Neltner and Kim Wagner and all volunteers for their hard work.

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Mr. Baldrige took a moment to introduce himself. He has lived in Walnut Park for 12 years, graduated from Campbell County High School and has lived in Campbell County for 59 years. He loves Alexandria and thinks it is a great community. He is ready to listen to the citizens, and work alongside the other members of council.

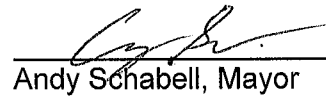
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 4/5/19



Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 4/5/19