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
Kyle Sparks Present
Susan Vanlandingham Present
Sue Neltner Present
Tom Baldridge Present
Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Joe Alexander, Asst Police Chief
Mike Duncan, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RES #2019-01: Authorizing the Kentucky Bond Development Corporation to issue approximately $3,000,000 of bonds in one or more series, payable solely from revenues to be derived from a loan agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of educational facilities for us by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington and its affiliated organizations.

Mr. Duncan explained that the City is sponsoring the bonds so they are tax exempt and can receive a lower interest rate. The City is able to participate in sponsoring up to $10,000,000 in bonds which resets every year on January 1st. Daniel Briscoe from Dinsmore & Shohl was also present and explained that KLC created an instrument for 501(3)c organizations to obtain great rates on financing, but it requires the local city to bless the project. KLC put this together to encourage investment in the community.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-01, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – Jan Johannemann: Clerk’s Office is currently working on the budget for 2019-2020 and taking in a lot of permits for fences, decks and sheds.

Police Department: Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm is National Drug Take-Back event at the Community Center (no inhalers or needles will be accepted). The Police report will be at the next meeting.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting is June 20.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They met tonight to discuss the location for the Christmas tree for the Light up Alexandria Night.
Public Works – Bob Simon: They met tonight to discuss the Road Program for this year that will include Cottonwood, Applewood, Teakwood, Quailwood, Yellowwood, & Graystone. There will also be some storm water repair. Bids will go out early May.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting is May 16 at 6:30, all are welcome.

Finance – Stacey Graus: He would like to have a Special Meeting on April 16 at 6:00 pm as they will need a full hour to discuss the budget. The April 18 regular meeting will be cancelled.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: The lake has been stocked with trout at the Community Park, if you want to catch and keep the trout you need a $10 permit.

Kyle Sparks: He has been checking out the social media accounts of other cities to see how they get the word out about their city being “Open for Business.” He will be reaching out to KLC to find out what tools and resources they have available to make the process easier, and is working on where to obtain traffic studies for US27. There was some discussion of options that he can use to get the information he needs. Mayor Schabell also mentioned the City of Alexandria is part of the ACBA – a great way to hear from local business owners and to share with them what the City is doing. Mr. Sparks said his grand idea is to have one place for all information pertaining to the city for individuals and businesses to look at.

Sue Neltner: She suggested hosting a picnic for the members of the boards and commissions as a way to mingle and get to know one another. Mayor Schabell mentioned that everyone is free to attend any of the meetings as another way to meet the members, but feels that having something like a picnic is a good idea.

Bob Simon: He has been reviewing the budget.

Susan Vanlandingham: She is working to get to know and understand the budget.

Stacey Graus: Saturday, May 11 is the Letter Carriers Food Drive. Residents who live in the 41001 zip code can put out canned goods and other non-perishable food items by their mailbox. All proceeds will go to the Care Mission. He encouraged residents to participate. Items can also be placed in a bag or box and left next to community mailboxes. Please do not drop anything off at the Post Office. There was a suggestion to put a barrel at the City Building then Mr. Graus can pick up items and take them directly to the Care Mission.

Mayor Schabell: He felt the first round of Council Comments was a success, and gave his 1st Quarter report of being in office, reporting some of the things that have happened since he took office:

- Chief Ward retired and Sgt. Cooper was appointed and approved by Council as the new Police Chief. Chief Cooper and Mayor Schabell have been working closely together to get many things accomplished.
- Asst. City Clerk, Ramona Williams, left to take the City Clerk position in Falmouth, creating an opening. Lori Davis was hired to work part-time, working 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
• Councilmember Scott Fleckinger resigned, and council appointed Tom Baldridge as his replacement.
• Business Retention and Development Committee was created and they had their first meeting in March.
• Community Center now has open gym on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm for middle school and high school students. He hopes to expand this next year with bus service.
• Updated agenda with new items.

Mayor Schabell has a Facebook page, Andy Schabell Alexandria Mayor, where he will post about the meetings that he is attending and other things that he is involved in. The city will also be working with the Business Retention and Development Committee and the Planning & Zoning Commission, to ensure that the City has the tools it needs to bring in great businesses and to keep existing businesses. He will continue to talk with the Finance Committee about possibly adjusting the Gross Receipts tax. Also, he is working with Chief Cooper about speeding in subdivisions and using the tools that we have to log problem areas. If speed trailer is unsuccessful then maybe the use of an unmarked police car and posting this message on social media will be necessary. There will be a Town Hall Council meeting on May 2 in the Community Center with some set topics and time for other topics. Ms. Nettner and Ms. Vanlandingham have created a flyer to post on Facebook and distribute around town. Mayor Schabell is excited about what has already happened, knows that others are excited as well, and is looking forward to building on the momentum.

FUTURE MEETINGS

• April 10, 2019, 7:30pm – Board of Adjustments
• April 16, 2019, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
• April 16, 2019, 6:00pm – Finance Committee
• May 2, 2019, 7:00pm – Council Town Hall Meeting @ Community Center

COMMUNICATIONS

• April 6, 8:00 am-1:00 pm – Shred Day @ Furniture Fair, 3710 Alexandria Pike. Donations will benefit Ch. 9 Crime Stoppers
• April 20, 11:00am – Easter Egg Hunt @ Alexandria Community Park – Sponsored by Woodmen Life. Lucky to have them in our city.
• May 17 & 18, 8:00 am-5:00 pm – Campbell County Spring Clean-up

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 4/19/19

Andy Schabell, Mayor

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