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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes of November 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 Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief Doug Orth, Public Works Foreman
JoAnn Hackworth, Treasurer James Pape, Fire Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2019

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Light Up Alexandria – Marc Barone from Woodman Life explained the Light up Alexandria event. It will take place on Friday, December 6 until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 7 until 5:00 p.m. The lighting of the tree will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and Santa will be there as well. People are encouraged to shop at local business after the tree lighting and on Saturday, and it's also a way for businesses to meet the residents. Visit www.lightupalexandria.com to get the card and map of the business locations, and you can start at whatever business you choose. Have the cards signed by the businesses, and then completed cards should be dropped off at the Alexandria Brewing Company by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday to get your name in the drawing for the gifts. Children will be given a stocking at either the tree lighting ceremony or at a business for treats collected from each store.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: See attached flyer. The Police Department has a giving tree set up in the Community Center to help provide gifts for a local family in need. Residents are encouraged to stop by the Community Center to get a tag. People are encouraged to purchase gifts listed on the tag and deliver the unwrapped gift to the city building or police station before December 20th.

Fire Department: See attached report.

Public Works Department: Mr. Orth gave an update on street paving. Woodstone is completed, Brookwood is finished except for the speed hump and Windsor is still to be completed.

Zoning Department: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: The Personnel Committee met this evening and reviewed and approved the final changes to the personnel policy.

Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: Mr. Sparks has been gathering information on the city's current website. At their next meeting on December 5th, they will talk with the group who will create the new website. Mr. Sparks suggested the other council members email him questions they would like to ask. It is his hope to have things rolling by the first of the year

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Beautification – Sue Neltner: Ms. Neltner encouraged residents to have their lights up and ready to turn on by December 6 for the Light Up Alexandria event. Nominations for the Winter/Christmas Beautification Award will be accepted until December 13 and voting will go until December 18. The winner will be announced at the next council meeting.

Public Works – Bob Simon: Mr. Simon reported that all street paving should be completed before the end of the month.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: They met this evening and talked about speeding in subdivisions, pinch points in subdivisions, and signage along US27.

Finance – Stacey Graus: There will be a Special Finance Committee meeting on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. and they will discuss Investment opportunities.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Speed Humps: Ms. Vanlandingham read a prepared statement, which is attached. There was a lengthy discussion on how to make subdivisions safer for residents and to slow down traffic before a disaster happens, including speed humps/bumps, use of speed trailer, and other alternatives.

Mr. Baldrige asked who made the decision to put a traffic calming device on Ridgewood. Mayor Schabell said he was the one who made that call, explaining they have talked through other options and the speed hump was their last resort. The reason it is going in now is because the equipment is on site with the repaving of the road. All traffic calming devices have consequences in regards to slowing down emergency responders and damage to cars. The PD already had data collected from before the speed hump was installed and they will collect data again for comparison.

Chief Cooper explained they try to put the speed trailer as close to the complaint area as possible but it also has to go in a location that has a clear line of sight.

Mayor Schabell believes Ms. Vanlandingham makes a good point of having a procedure with data collection, but is unsure of how to get residents on board. She explained a process some cities have in place when residents request a speed hump. Alexandria has something similar, but she is not sure if anyone has ever taken advantage of it. Mayor Schabell suggested taking another look at the policy to see if it can be revised to better fit the needs of the residents and the city. The desire is for the location of speed humps to not be a random process or even a “knee-jerk” reaction to a few complaints.

Santa on Fire Truck: The Fire Department will have Santa on a Fire Truck on Saturday, December 21.

OLD BUSINESS

City Sign on US 27: Mr. Sparks reported someone suggested the area by the old middle school and he thought that would be a great idea. The state may be re-designing the layout of that intersection, and if they do that sign would go away. Council discussed the pros and cons of having an off-site sign. The Seasons recently installed a semi-movable sign, and this may be an option if the city were to ever move locations.

Vaping: Ms. Vanlandingham read a recent study that attributed most of the deaths to illegally obtained juul pods that contain Vitamin E. The Federal Government seems to be honing in on the source of that and we should allow it to play out. Mayor Schabell also did some research and alcohol is still attributed with more deaths in people 21 and younger.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sue Neltner: She attended the Conservation Meeting the other night and received the certificate for the grant to purchase the tree that was planted for the Light Up Alexandria event.

She also shared about the Youth program sewing lessons that were held on Wednesday. She will do it again this coming week. She showed off what they have been working on so far. The completed quilting projects will be donated to the Ronald McDonald house. The kids really enjoyed it and want them to come back. There is a Sewing Circle on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the Annex building and is open to the public.

Stacey Graus: He really appreciated the civil discourse they have as a council.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning – December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Open Gym is cancelled on 11/27 and in December. Will return in January
- November 22, 2019 – Trout stocking @ Park Lake
- November 23, 7:00pm – Campbell County Night at BB&T Arena
- November 28 & 29 –Thanksgiving Holidays (Offices closed)
- December 6, 6:00pm – Light up Alexandria
- December 13, 2:00pm – Nominations due for Winter/Christmas Beautification Award

Council took a 15-minute recess at 7:47 p.m.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss a real-estate matter, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. Executive Session began at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. Regular session began at 8:26 p.m.

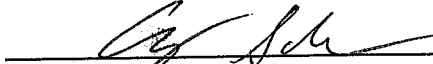
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 12/5/19



Andy Schabell, Mayor

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