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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020

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 Absent	Sue Neltner Absent
Kyle Sparks Present	Tom Baldrige Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk Mike Duncan, City Attorney
 Natalie Selby, Police Lieutenant Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.
 JoAnn Hackworth, Treasurer Lt. Adam Bradbury, Fire Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2, 2020

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020 meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Preston Hummel, 32 Shaw Dr.: Mayor Schabell presented Mr. Hummel with the Christmas Beautification Award.

Kelly Danner, Reca Roller Rink: In appreciation of Reca's many years of business in Alexandria, Mayor Schabell read a Proclamation declaring March 1, 2020 as Reca Roller Rink Day and presented a plaque to Kelly Danner.

Ron Johnson, Planning & Zoning Recognition: Mayor Schabell presented Mr. Johnson with a plaque for his many years of service on the Planning & Zoning Board since 1998, and also on City Council for about 6 months. Mayor Schabell thanked Mr. Johnson for all of his dedication to help build the City of Alexandria.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*Mr. Duncan read the following
Second Reading:*

ORD #2020-01: Rezoning 11 Viewpoint: An ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment to rezone the Kel Aud Corporation real estate located at 11 Viewpoint Drive from its current zoning of R-1V (Residential One-V) to HC (Highway Commercial), subject to the submitted Development Plan and to the agreed conditions of approval, in order to redevelop the property and convert the existing building into the Reca Business Center.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passes 4-0-0.

Ms. Danner informed council January 26 is First Responders Day at Reca. This is for all local, county, state and federal employee of Northern Kentucky, including teachers. People can log onto www.eventbright.com to get their tickets.

MUN ORD #2020-08: Reappointing Heather Davis as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics for a full one-year term to expire on 12/31/2020.

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve Municipal Order #2020-08, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passes 4-0-0.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Johannemann reported they have been busy cleaning up the office.

Police Department: Mayor Schabell reported Chief Cooper is at Quantico and is staying busy and learning a lot. Lieutenant Selby is filling in while he is away. Lt. Selby reported they have been purging and cleaning up in the Police Department as well. She introduced Cassie Hensley, new Police Social Worker, and gave a brief overview of her work history. Lt. Selby also reported there are two interns from NKU who will be working about 25 hours per week alongside Kelly and Cassie until May. Mr. Baldrige thanked Lt. Selby for the detailed report she provided on violations.

Fire Department: Lt. Bradbury reported they are working on their typical end of the year things and gearing up for annual inspections.

Zoning Administrator: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report. Mayor Schabell commented on the number of walkers this past year.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: Next meeting will be February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: They will meet on February 6. KLC's website proposal was cost prohibitive at this time, so they are looking at another option.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: Mr. Sparks reported he is working on a spreadsheet to be used for the landscape bids so they are easier to compare.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting will be February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. If anyone has agenda items they would like addressed, please send those to her.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Next meeting will be in March.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning: Michele Nelson is now on Planning & Zoning and attended her first meeting on January 7th. Also, board member Tom Wheeler has been ill and can no longer serve on the board and has to be replaced. Mr. Sparks asked about the process for someone getting on a board. Mayor Schabell explained he will have the person meet with himself, Chairman Dave Hart and Zoning Administrator Carol Hofstetter. Planning & Zoning members are required to have yearly training, so he wants to make sure the person is able to fulfill that requirement. There is an Application for Boards and Commissions on the city website.

Park & Rec: They met last week and discussed the budget and the next Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to TANK: Mayor Schabell explained TANK is looking to do a major overhaul of their routes to make things more efficient. He attended the Campbell County Fiscal Court meeting and expressed his concerns on the proposed changes. Under the new proposal all buses would stop at the Meijer in Cold Spring. Ms. Johannemann had attended a few of the meetings and they are reporting that ridership is down and they are losing money. Mr. Duncan explained how TANK never makes enough money from the riders to cover the cost of the service, so the counties have to subsidize the cost. Any time a route is shortened they have to hold public hearings. The Mayor and the public are doing the right thing by bending the ear of TANK personnel and the Fiscal Court.

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Mr. Graus has had conversations with a member of the TANK board and told him how Alexandria needs public transportation. If TANK doesn't want to provide the service to the residents of Alexandria then the residents' tax dollars shouldn't go to help pay for the subsidy.

There is the need for public input as the growth in Campbell County will be in Alexandria and south. TANK needs to be forward thinking. They are driving down some of the operational costs by using bio-fuels. Mayor Schabell has a meeting with the General Manager next week and will hopefully have real ridership numbers in Alexandria for the council members.

Also discussed was Alexandria's size and the fact that it is still growing, yet TANK wants to discontinue service to the city. Typically, you see an increase in ridership among those who rent. Alexandria lacks in rental units, so we may not have the numbers that TANK would like to see right now. Over the next ten years, the population will increase. Once you lose a service it is hard to get it back.

Mr. Sparks pointed out there are smaller cities in Kentucky that offer their own busing system and believes that should not be taken off the table as an option. Mayor Schabell shared a few stories of those that use the TANK service to get to and from work who would not be able to if they discontinued service to Alexandria.

Mr. Duncan gave some background on changes they have made in the past and that public input is always taken into consideration. He encouraged more people to share their thoughts. Ms. Vanlandingham pointed out all of the development plans that have come before Planning & Zoning always mention TANK public transportation as a reason for them considering Alexandria.

Mayor Schabell shared with council about the 366-unit apartment complex going before Planning & Zoning on February 4th that is within 1/3 of a mile of Village Green, well within walking distance. He also shared the number of housing units that are still to be built in some of the developments. The economy is doing well right now and that probably contributes to low ridership, but when the economy is not doing so well you see an increase in ridership.

At a recent meeting, Mayor Schabell spoke with a representative for Joe Fischer who was not aware that Alexandria was slated to be removed from the TANK routes. The Mayor asked for his support as well as the Judge Executive and Commissioners of Campbell County. He encouraged people to visit www.tankbus.org and email them. He expressed his disappointment in the amount of time the city has been given to inform the public and address the issue.

January 2020 P&L Report: The auditors suggested providing council with a monthly P&L report (attached). Council members were encouraged to talk with Ms. Hackworth if they had any questions.

Engine Braking on 27: Mr. Sparks wanted to know if engine braking on US 27 has ever been discussed. He could hear the semi's by Walmart on 27 at his house in Arcadia. The City of Cold Spring tried to regulate engine braking on 1998 but they received a letter from the State telling them they were not allowed to regulate that on a state highway. There was some discussion of a safety issue on that part of 27 for engine brake use. Most didn't believe it would be, if the trucks were traveling the speed limit. Ms. Vanlandingham will address this with the Safety Committee. Mr. Duncan shared about a city that adopted a noise ordinance and then received the same letter from the State. They did not repeal the ordinance; they just don't enforce it unless it becomes a problem. They had to remove the "No Engine Brake" sign from the state right-of-way. Mayor is not opposed to the ordinance, but also doesn't want to spend a lot of time and money on the ordinance and signs to have the state say they have to take them down.

OLD BUSINESS

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Personnel Policy: Mayor Schabell wanted to give council a chance to ask questions or reject the policy. The council members agreed the team worked hard on the final project and really appreciated the document outlining the major changes. No opposition was voiced.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He thanked Ms. Hackworth for her time and effort on the personnel policy. He thanked the Police Department for the detailed violation report. He commented on the Community Center report and encouraged citizens to utilize this service. Walker membership fee for the year is low - \$15 for 65 and older and \$25 for anyone under 65. He met with the general contractor working on the Burke's store going into half of the old County Market space. They have to be out by March 13 and then Burkes will come in and start setting up to open by early April. Burke's will be mainly a clothing store, selling things like Nike, Columbia, and other high-end items and they will be a great compliment to Tuesday Morning store.

Kyle Sparks: He is still working on getting a new website up and running. Blue Roo Car Wash looks like it's getting ready to open. Dominoes is open, except for a little hiccup with the gas line. Burke's will be opening in March/April. Alexandria has so many things, but we don't always take advantage of them. He encouraged everyone to break the habit of always heading north to shop and to support the local businesses.

Mayor Schabell: He is staying busy with Boy Scout meetings as they are speaking with public officials. He attended the Fiscal Court meeting last night, has the Mayor's Meeting on the 28th. TANK will be presenting at that meeting as well. Property Maintenance Board will meet on the 23rd. He reported that the "All Seasons Car Wash" has sold and has a new owner; not sure what will go in that spot. There are some other things coming down the line and people are looking at Alexandria.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Planning & Zoning – January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Property Maintenance – January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning – February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park & Rec – January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Middle & High School Open Gym every Wednesday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Community Center (1/15 "Basics of Sewing")
- Spring Craft Show, March 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Community Center. Still room for Crafters – Contact Kim Wagner

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 2/6/2020


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 2/6/2020