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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of May 16, 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 Absent	Tom Baldrige Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk                      Mike Duncan, City Attorney  
 Lucas Cooper, Police Chief                              Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.  
 JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2019

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

### VISITORS & GUESTS – None

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*Mr. Duncan read the following.  
Second Readings:*

**ORD 2019-01:** Amending Section 31.44 of the City Code of Ordinances, in order to modify the compensation for members of the City Planning Commission.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**ORD 2019-02:** Amending various sections of the City Code of Ordinances, in order to modify the bonding requirements for city officials and employees, and to make other technical corrections.

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Police Department:** See attached report. Chief Cooper explained as part of accreditation, they must file an annual report. Calls for service increased by 6.4%, vehicles collisions went down, crime incidents and citations increased. Drug Take Back Day on April 27 was a great success. They collected 90 lbs. of prescription drugs, and roughly 381 lbs. in all of Campbell County.

**Public Works:** See attached report. Ms. Neltner asked if while mowing, could they pick up trash as well.

**Zoning Administrator:** See attached report.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Personnel – Tom Baldrige:** Next meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works – Bob Simon:** June meeting is cancelled.

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**Safety – Susan Vanlandingham:** They met tonight and discussed the intersection signage in Arcadia. While this is ongoing, there is some progress. She will contact District 6 to request a green arrow at the intersection of 27 & 536 rather than just a yellow flashing arrow to allow north-bound travelers to turn left safely. They also discussed the line of sight at the intersection of Pete Neiser and Washington. The bushes at the intersection should be removed and a temporary 3-way stop was suggested. Chief Cooper said there haven't been a lot of collisions at that intersection, but many close calls. There was also a continued discussion about the congestion along US27. Next meeting is August 15.

**Finance – Stacey Graus:** The committee met tonight and reviewed the latest budget, which is balanced with a surplus of about \$104,000. The city overall does not have a large surplus if major issues were to arise, and Mayor Schabell had wanted to see a surplus of \$100,000 to begin saving.

There was some discussion on lowering the gross receipt tax, but after the last adjustment the city does not have a true idea of how much will be brought in. Others believed that lowering the cap again would create a disproportionate burden on smaller businesses. Mayor Schabell said if they bring in more money than projected for gross receipts this fiscal year, then he will take another look at it. Mr. Simon believed after making the last adjustment, the \$405,000 in the budget might be a high projection. Ms. Neltner is concerned that if the city doesn't adjust the gross receipts tax, we could lose the larger businesses. Ms. Vanlandingham said the biggest complaint from business owners was there had been no cap. Mayor Schabell pointed out the city does not charge a tangible tax on businesses even though almost every other surrounding city does, which could be an incentive for businesses to come to Alexandria rather than a surrounding city.

Due to upcoming scheduling conflicts and a possible meeting cancellation, it was suggested to have the first reading of the budget tonight. Mr. Duncan explained minor adjustments can be made before the second reading.

*Mr. Duncan read the following.*

*First Reading:*

**ORD 2019-03:** Adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020, by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for expenses.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Zoning Changes:** Mayor Schabell passed out a copy of Fort Thomas' zoning ordinances that was also given to Planning & Zoning at their May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. He gave a brief overview of what he brought up at that meeting. He would like to removed some permitted uses and make others a conditional permitted use. He believes if the city narrows down the uses, we will have more power in which to shape the future look of the city. The Mayor tasked P&Z with looking into this. Ms. Neltner would like to see the city move quickly, but some of the council members cautioned against making hasty decisions. The Comprehensive Plan was also brought up, along with discussion on whether overlay zones could be used in the interim of the rezoning to help shape the city.

Ms. Vanlandingham is afraid that if the city is in a process of a major overhaul of the zoning, the uncertainty of this may deter a business from coming in. She then posed the question: What does council want the city to look like in 10 years, and is there a clear vision?

The City needs to be patient for the right businesses to come into the city. Mr. Baldrige commented that Cold Spring had rezoned areas and waited for the right businesses to be interested, and it has paid off in the end.

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Council decided to have P&Z take the lead and to push them when necessary. It was asked what roll Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Administrator, plays regarding zoning. Mr. Duncan explained her roll is, in part, staff person to the Planning & Zoning Commission and liaison with Mr. Duncan to draft the zoning ordinances. She also enforces those ordinances if she receives a complaint call. The commissioners are appointed by the mayor and approved by council. It was pointed out that they actually have more restrictions than council, as they are required to have continuing education hours each year.

**US 27 Lighting:** The Mayor has signed two contracts to update the lighting along US27. The Safety Committee started this process about a year ago with the DOT and Duke Energy. 21 existing lights will be updated with LED's along US27, and 5 new lights will be added. The LED's will not only help provide more light to the road way, but will also be more cost effective. Mayor Schabell thanked Bill Rachford for the hard work that he put in to making this happen.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Tom Baldrige:** He was really impressed with the Town Hall meeting. The youth activities group is still looking for volunteers and donations. They are planning a tentative youth bash for June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

**Sue Neltner:** There are lots along US27 that need to have their grass cut. Also, please do not blow grass into the streets as it is against city ordinance and dangerous for motorcyclists. Talk to the offender or call the city building and the code enforcement officer will have a chat with them.

**Bob Simon:** He is glad the budget is where it is and in good shape.

**Susan Vanlandingham:** She asked if the city could put out a PSA on the website & Facebook of the ordinance that states blowing grass into the roadway is against city ordinance.

**Stacey Graus:** He thanked everyone in the 41001 zip code who participated in the National Letter Carriers Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. They collected around 2,800 lbs. Also, thank you to Bishop Brossart High School, First Assembly of God, and St. Paul's for collecting as well. All collected items went to support the Care Mission.

**Mayor Schabell:** He spent the day at the city building on Tuesday and also visited Grant's Lick 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. After the election, each of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders sent him a letter and asked him a variety of questions. He was able to visit with those same students on Tuesday morning to answer more of their questions.

Service Line Warranties mailings will no longer have the city logo on the envelope or letter. He believed that by having our logo on their mailings, they are de-valuing our logo. If the city sends out other important information, residents may discard the mail. The envelopes and letter now say, "For the residents of the City of Alexandria".

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- June 4, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- June 5, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation (at Park)
- June 6, 7:00pm – Council

## COMMUNICATIONS

- May 18, 9:30 am – 11:30 am: Kid's to Parks Day at Park
- May 17 & 18, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Campbell County Spring Clean-up
- May 26, 2 pm: Memorial Day Parade

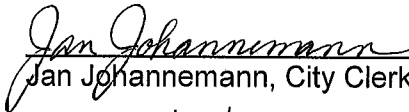
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- June 1, 10 am – Noon: Fishing Derby (on May 15 1,400 catfish were stocked in the lake)
- June 1-2: Free Fishing Weekend
- June 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: St. Elizabeth Stroke & Cardio Vascular Screening @ Community Center, (Free) Must pre-register

Ms. Neltner thanked the Public Works crew for removing the mound of dirt and weeds at the Tribute Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
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Jan Johannemann, City Clerk  
Date: 6/10/19

  
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Andy Schabell, Mayor  
Date: 6/6/19