



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of August 15, 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
Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear and gather evidence and public comment to take the sense of the public regarding the proposed tax rate which will exceed the compensating tax rate, but the proposed rate is the same as in the preceding year. Additionally, the proposed rate is expected to produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, of more than four (4%) over the amount of revenue which would be produced by the compensating tax rate, in the approximate amount of \$25,447.

Mayor Schabell opened the Alexandria Public Hearing to order at 7:01 pm.

Mr. Duncan said the proposed tax rate is \$1.74/\$1,000, which the budget was built around and is the same rate as last year. The compensating rate would be \$1.64. The law requires the city to hold a public hearing and advertise the hearing for two weeks prior if the proposed rate is higher than the compensating rate. The \$1.74/\$1,000 rate will raise a little more than the 4% compensating rate. If council adopts this rate, then another ad will need to run informing residents that an additional \$25,000 could be raised. This could potentially be subject to recall by petition of the citizens. If this happens, the rate would be rolled back to the 4% rate, or \$1.706, which comes to about \$1.00 for a \$100,000 home.

There being no comment from the public, the hearing was officially closed at 7:04 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 1, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Chief Jeff Pohlman – Annual AFD Report: The Fire Department is a special government entity and according to HB 1, they must present an annual report to the largest local government entity they serve before they have their public hearing for the tax rate. The Alexandria Fire Department is proposing to keep the tax rate the same - \$.18/\$100. The public hearing will be at the Alexandria Fire station on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:15 pm, followed by their board meeting at 7:30 pm. It is getting harder to keep the rate the same as their equipment is aging and replacements are costly. He thanked the city for their partnership and informed council that his three shift captains will begin attending the meetings when he is unable to so.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following: (First Reading)

ORD #2019-04: An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and

levying an ad valorem tax of \$0.174 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation (\$1.74 per \$1000) of real property in the City for the 2019 assessment tax year and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: The office is gearing up for the tax bill season.

Police Department: They are currently accepting applications for a police officer, and will be holding a test for new recruits. School has started which means the school zones are operational and school buses are out on the streets. The PD does monitor those zones and will enforce the speed limit.

Public Works: See attached report. Mayor Schabell received a Facebook message about the sidewalk on Ridgewood and reported that it has been completed. There is still some cleanup to do.

Zoning Administrator: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: The committee met this evening and decided to increase the allowed banked comp time from 80 hours to 120 hours.

Business Retention and Development – Kyle Sparks: There was a special meeting on Tuesday. A new website for the City was discussed. He contacted KLC for another bid to include only the things we need and he will send that out to council when received. He is looking into another company suggested by Ms. Vanlandingham to see if they are competitive. The new website would add a tab for new businesses. They also discussed signage on the AA and are waiting on pricing from Kentucky Department of Transportation. Once they have the pricing, it will be offered to the local businesses along US27. There is currently a sign for Cold Spring, but they want to make sure there is one for Alexandria as well. The committee will have another recognition of a local business owner at the second meeting in September.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They are taking nominations until August 22.

Public Works – Bob Simon: The September 5th meeting will be cancelled.

The Business Retention and Development committee will hold a Special Meeting on September 5th at 6:00 pm instead.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: The committee met this evening to discuss signage in Arcadia and grant money for safety concerns around town. The next meeting is November 21.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Ethics met on Tuesday evening and the meeting went well. Planning and Zoning is working on the Comprehensive Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Alexandria Fair Parade: Mayor Schabell asked for a head count for the parade on August 28 and there will be 6 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Dog Park: There seems to be a significant interest in having a dog park in the city. Mr. Sparks wanted to know what they could do to help that along. Mayor Schabell said Mindy Baird thinks she can get the fencing donated. Mr. Trapp said it would cost about \$15,000 to purchase 500 ft. of fence

including gates. The city would supply the bags and cans, but the owners are responsible for picking up after their pets. There also needs to be a water source. Dog parks look good for the first week but then the area is beat down and they start to look bad. For this reason, most places use mulch. Mayor Schabell spoke with a Newport Commissioner about their dog park. They are moving it to another location and their residents were interested enough to offer to help pay for it. Council discussed the possibility of selling brick pavers where the owner could put their dog's name on a brick. Currently there are no grants available for dog parks. The city will check to see what other cities do to make sure there is proper insurance coverage. A dog park could also draw more attention to the Alexandria Community Park.

Sign for City Building: Mr. Sparks asked if the city could do better than the current mobile sign that sits on US27 by the Tribute Park. Alexandria does not own the land this is sitting on so it has to be mobile. A permanent sign is also costly - Alexandria Fire Department's sign was about \$35,000. There was discussion of where else a sign could go, readability if placed on US27, right-of-way restrictions, etc. Mayor Schabell said this is something that should stay on the radar.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kyle Sparks: There are several things coming up in and around the city that will bring in a lot of outside travelers, like the AJ Jolly Festival as well as the Horse Show and Fair. Mr. Sparks has been visiting local businesses to encourage them to show some love, and to inform them of what is going on around the city.

Sue Neltner: She thanked Sam Trapp for completing the sidewalk on Ridgewood.

Bob Simon: The car wash next to Skyline should show some progress soon. They ran into engineering issues but that seems to have been worked out.

Stacey Graus: St. Mary Festival will take place this Friday from 6:00 pm-Midnight, and Saturday from 5:00 pm-11:00 pm.

Mayor Schabell: He thanked Sue Neltner for running the 8/1 meeting. He had asked KLC at the recent meeting about offering online training for the Mayors and council members who were not able to make it to trainings due to their jobs. KLC hopes to have some set up soon. The KLC Conference is September 25-27 in Covington and he encouraged council to think about attending. Mayor Schabell had also met with County Commissioner Geoff Besecker. Mr. Besecker let him know he is here to help as well as Commissioner Brian Painter.

On Wednesday, the Mayor met with Cindy Minter from Campbell County Planning & Zoning. She is very knowledgeable and is willing to help any way she can. He is happy with the support the city receives from the county.

There was an accident at 536 and US 27 this past week that resulted in a fatality. This very intersection was brought up two months ago at a meeting, and Ms. Vanlandingham read the response she received from KTC that a turn light was not warranted at the time. He has asked her to contact them again. We will continue to push until the issue is resolved.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Planning and Zoning – August 20, 2019 at 7:00pm
- Planning and Zoning – September 3, 2019 at 7:00pm
- Park and Recreation – September 4, 2019 at 7:00pm

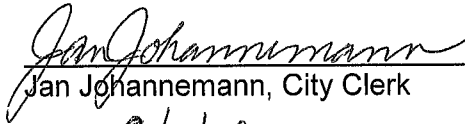
COMMUNICATIONS

- Thursday, August 22, 2:00pm: Deadline for Summer Beautification Award nominations

- Wednesday, August 28, 6:30pm: Alexandria Fair Parade (Washington St. closes at 6:00)
- Friday, September 20, dusk: Movie in the Park "How to Train Your Dragon – The Hidden World"
- Sunday, September 8, 2:00pm: 9/11 Service at Tribute Park

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: 8/6/19



Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 8/6/19