



ORIGINAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes of September 5, 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 Absent Sue Neltner Present
Kyle Sparks Present Tom Baldrige Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.
Mason Muench, Fire Dept.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 15, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Victoria Thomas – Miss Alexandria Fair Queen: Mayor Schabell read a Proclamation in honor of Victoria and presented her with a small plaque.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following: (Second 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.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: The office is gearing up for property taxes.

Police Department: See attached report. Over 50 applications were received for the open positions, and testing for new recruits will be in September. A conditional offer has been made to one person to fill one of the positions.

Ms. Neltner asked about the speed trailer. She thought the purpose was to catch drivers who were speeding. Chief Cooper explained the trailer's purpose is to draw people's attention to the speed limit so that when it is pulled out, no one has any excuse not to know what the speed limit is. The trailer is making a difference.

Mr. Baldrige asked if anything could be done about the rolling stops. Chief Cooper explained they have increased their traffic patrol and he will make the officers aware of the rolling stops at the Poplar Ridge/Walnut Park intersection.

Fire Department: See attached report.

Public Works: Mr. Trapp is trying to get things done. They are currently two months behind due to the wet Spring and Summer.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: Next meeting will be September 19 at 6:00pm.

Business Retention and Development – Kyle Sparks: The committee had a special meeting this evening and discussed the new website, which will be announced soon. They also discussed signage on the AA & 709 and will be working with businesses over the next couple of weeks to talk about the cost and if that is something they want to take on.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They met this evening and the winner for the Summer Beautification award is 1298 Poplar Ridge. Fall/Halloween Beautification Award nominations are due by 2:00pm on October 25; voting will close at 2:00pm on November 6; and the winner will be announced at the November 7th meeting. Light Up Alexandria is looking for more businesses to participate and more details will be released in the coming months.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting will be November 21. She emailed District 6 again requesting they reconsider their position on the signal light at US27 and 536 and is waiting to hear back from them.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning: They are finalizing the Goals & Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan to present to council. Mr. Duncan stated there is a Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for October 15 for the text amendments to the zoning and sign ordinances.

Park & Recreation: Mayor Schabell attended the Park & Recreation meeting and the topic of a dog park was thoroughly discussed. The Board believes there is not a good spot for a dog park with the current layout of the park. Chair Karen Minshall acquired some information about Ft. Thomas and Newport's dog park, listing out the pros and cons for each. Mr. Graus frequents the Ft. Thomas location. It is on a hillside and is located in a spot that is not good for much else. Council discussed the proposed locations at the Alexandria Park and the potential issues with those locations. They agreed that more land would need to be acquired in order to have a viable dog park.

NEW BUSINESS

Timber Creek Subdivision Street Lights: There was some discussion on when a new subdivision comes in and the city takes over the street lights. Mr. Trapp explained according to the Subdivision Regulations, the developers have to come before council to ask them to take over the payment of the electricity of the street lights. This will be brought up at the next meeting after reviewing this section of the Subdivision Regulations.

Halloween Hours: The Mayor would like to have a backup plan in case there is a repeat of last year. He doesn't foresee it happening again, but would like to be prepared. Council members agreed to set Halloween hours to be October 31 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. If there is a need to change due to inclement weather, the city will work with the surrounding cities to come up with a collective game plan.

Communication: Ms. Vanlandingham wanted to know if the website revamp was just for adding a business button or it was going to be all things city. Mr. Sparks explained that it would be a revamp of the entire website.

Since we pay to use Campbell County Media, Ms. Vanlandingham believes the city should utilize them more and capitalize on features that could be used on the website and social media. Mr. Sparks wants to make sure that the new website is easy for the residents to use along with current and potential business owners. Mayor Schabell mentioned Ms. Teipel from Campbell County media has offered to film whatever the city would like and he gave some suggestions. The videos would air

on Campbell County Media, but the city would also put the videos on the website and social media. Target date for the release of the new website is the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Arcadia Subdivision Streets: Ms. Neltner asked if Inverness Way had been turned over to the city yet, as there is still construction being done and heavy equipment is driving on the street. Mr. Trapp said Inverness is now a city street. She believed that should not be the case and the city's zoning ordinances should be changed. Mr. Duncan explained State law dictates when a city must take over a street. Once the city certifies the street has been built according subdivision regulations, we have 45 days to take it over. If there is damage due to construction equipment, we could go after the company that caused damage. Mr. Trapp has made developers replace damaged sections in the past.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He wanted to know if any progress had been made in terms of a new sound system for the Community Center. It was really hard to hear at the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing. Mayor Schabell will follow up with Ms. Teipel at Campbell County Media. Also, Mr. Baldrige really enjoyed being the Fair Parade as a council member.

Kyle Sparks: He is trying to work with current business owners to let them know we are here to help them. He realizes there is a significant group of residents that do not want Alexandria to grow and he understands. He pledged the Business Retention & Development Committee does not wish to fill all of the green space in Alexandria. Their goal is to provide needed services for the residents, not to make Alexandria another Florence.

Sue Neltner: She reminded residents to not blow their grass into the streets and sewers.

Mayor Schabell: He recently met with a developer who would like to develop a large piece of land with a number of residential units. He has another meeting next Wednesday with a different developer who is looking at another spot desiring to build residential. The more residents the city has the more services we will have for the residents. Traffic will be impacted and he is trying to work with the developer to ensure that everyone benefits from the growth. Mr. Graus stated more residents mean more revenue needs to be generated and that is done best through commercial properties. More residents mean they will need more amenities like restaurants and shopping, which will provide more gross receipts revenue. Mayor Schabell stated the city is not seeking out the developers, they are coming to us. Ms. Vanlandingham wanted to make sure that residents understand just because there are new homes being built does not mean the city has more money. The money made has to go to repair the streets, pay the officers to patrol and so on.

Ms. Vanlandingham asked about the Comprehensive Plan working group. Mayor Schabell stated the committee would have to be formed under the Planning and Zoning Commission, but city council can provide leadership and give suggestions on who should be on the committee.

Mayor Schabell also has a meeting scheduled with the Grant's Lick Elementary 2nd grade class to talk about city government.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Planning and Zoning – September 17, 2019 at 7:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS

- Sunday, September 8, 2:00pm: 9/11 Service at Tribute Park
- September 10: 1,400 Catfish due to be delivered to Alexandria Park Lake
- Friday, September 20, Dusk: Movie Night - "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"


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- October 11-12, 8:00am-5:00pm: Campbell County Cleanup

There will be no Hero's Day this year, this event will happen every other year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 9/20/19



Andy Schabell, Mayor

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