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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of November 7, 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
Bob Simon Present
Kyle Sparks Present

Susan Vanlandingham Present
Sue Neltner Present
Tom Baldrige Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Gary Frodge, Police Detective

Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Natalie Selby, Police Lieutenant
Richard Northcutt, Police Sergeant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

1. Kathy Thacker/Maria Shanks/Heather Fischer, “Frankie’s Furry Friends Rescue” – Ms. Thacker is the founder of Frankie’s Furry Friends which was founded in January 2010. They rescue small breed dogs only and are always looking for volunteers. Ms. Shanks is the president and introduced their Ambassador Dolly, a therapy dog that visits places like The Seasons to help cheer people up.

They will be starting a Community Outreach program in January, 2020 for indigent people who have pets that are in need of vet care. Some of the other services they provide are a hospice program for elderly dogs whose owners have been placed into a nursing home or are deceased, and a Junior Volunteer Program where kids, along with a parent, come and socialize with dogs who need to be rehabilitated to be around people. Frankie’s Furry Friends provide vet visits, bowls, food, beds, blankets, toys and grooming. They are always in need of volunteers and foster families.

“Pet Pictures with Santa” will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Southern Lanes.

Frankie’s Furry Friends does not have a physical location but they can be found on the web and on Facebook, and will be included on the city’s website and Facebook page. It was suggested they contact Campbell County Media to make a commercial about their business and the services they provide.

2. Michael McGrath & Amanda Chilelli, DollHouse Beauty Salon – They are a new business that opened in June and are located at 8370 E. Main Street. They are a full-service salon, offering haircuts & colors, lash extension, massages, facials, and (soon) Botox injections and nails. Amanda wants to bring one-stop salons to Alexandria. They can be found online and on social media. They desire to build up the Old Town District, and will be participating in the Light Up Alexandria event.

3. Bill Rachford, 153 Stonegate Dr – Mr. Rachford gave council an article from Time Magazine about vaping. He is appealing to council about the health issues and concerns of vaping. He explained the original purpose of vaping and how it has changed over the years and how it is killing people. Local stores, like Kroger and Walgreens have banned sales of vaping products, and he

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would like to see the city get ahead of this issue, rather than being reactive, by making changes to ordinances and zoning regulations that limit the expanse of new locations being opened within the city. He asked council to give it serious thought to see what can be done.

Mayor Schabell questioned if we, as a city, could actually slow anything down if we only limit the stores, as the products are still being sold in gas stations. Mr. Rachford believes something could be done with ordinances, possibly moving vaping stores out of the HC zone and into an Industrial zone. Mr. Sparks shared his insights to the legal side of vaping. There is currently no evidence that legal over-the-counter vaping has killed anyone. The deaths have come from bootlegged products from other countries. He is not sure what the city can do to ban the products but appreciates Mr. Rachford bringing this forward. Mayor Schabell suggested having Kelly Pompilio educate parents on what juul pods look like.

4. Fall/Halloween Beautification Award: 158 Lake Park – The owners, Craig & Sarah Fox, were present for tonight's meeting, and they were given the Fall/Halloween Beautification Award.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: The rush of tax season is over and there is about \$52,000 outstanding. Delinquent tax notices will be sent out next week.

Police Department: See attached report. Drug Take Back event happened in October and they collected 82 lbs. of drugs. Alexandria had the most collected in the area. There is a drug collection bin in the Community Center year-round to drop off unused prescription medication.

Chief Cooper recognized Sergeant Gray Frodge who will be retiring in November. He has been in policing for 36 years and with the Alexandria Department for a long time. Chief Cooper explained the many roles Sgt. Frodge has held during his time with the department and added he will be missed. Sgt. Frodge was presented with a plaque and shared a few words of appreciation on how he has been treated over the 20+ years he has worked for Alexandria.

Sergeant Natalie Selby is being promoted to Lieutenant and Officer Richard Northcutt is being promoted to Sergeant. Mr. Duncan administered the Oath of Office to both Natalie and Richard.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: Their next meeting is November 21 at 6:00pm

Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: Their next meeting is December 5 and they will hear from their new website developer and have KLC on standby via phone. The website will have a new look and be mobile-friendly. They will hopefully move forward with this in the new year.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They met this evening and awarded the winner of the Fall/Halloween Decorations, and are now looking toward the Christmas Decoration Award. Residents should have their lights up by 12/6. They will be taking nominations until 12/13, vote by 12/18, and will announce the winner at the December 19 council meeting.

Ms. Neltner then talked about the Light Up Alexandria Event and how Vince Turner, owner of Diamond Exchange in Cold Spring, gave them a two-page spread in the Town Money Saver, free of charge. The city will have a tree planted across the street from the city building, and a couple of local elementary schools will be making decorations for the tree. The children will be invited to attend the lighting ceremony on Friday December 6th as well as all residents. All are encouraged to shop at the 35 local business listed on the two-pages of the ad. Ms. Neltner explained the process of the weekend. Residents need to visit the businesses and get a card signed, then bring those to

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Alexandria Brewing Company for a chance to win prizes. Stay tuned to Facebook in the coming weeks to see what the prizes will be. Some business locations are hosting other businesses so residents don't have to make 35 other stops. The map in the ad shows the business locations. This event has been a collaboration between the city and the ACBA.

Public Works – Bob Simon: They met this evening and Mr. Simon gave an update on the street program. They thought the roads would be completed at this point, but because of the weather they are behind. It might be another week before Riegler can get started.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Their next meeting is November 21 at 6:30 pm. She has some agenda items regarding traffic along US 27, and encouraged residents to send her any other items they may want the committee to address.

Finance – Stacey Graus: He suggested having a special meeting so they can discuss moving forward with investment opportunities.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule for 2020 Meetings: Mayor Schabell has been looking at the meeting schedule for 2020. He encouraged council members to think through how many meetings they would like to have for their committees and the length of those meetings for next year. Because committee meetings are scheduled at 6:00 and 6:30 and normally go a full half-hour, then council is scheduled to start at 7:00, he proposed moving the council meeting to 7:05. Mr. Duncan said we would need to change the ordinance to reflect the new start time, or just start the meeting a few minutes late.

OLD BUSINESS

Haunted Walk Report: See attached report. It was a great night to have this event; there were 777 participants. At the 11/6 Park and Rec meeting, they voted on the winning scene.

City Signage on US 27: Mr. Sparks wanted to know where the city stands with getting a new sign on US27. He will continue to bring it up until a solution is found. Mr. Trapp had reported anything in front of the telephone poles is in the State right-of-way. Mayor Schabell does not want to put the sign behind the poles as it would be too far off the road to be seen. Mr. Sparks understands a large electronic sign is not in the budget right now, but suggested working with the vocational school to build a brick structure that could one day hold an electronic sign, but for now have the old-school lettering. He wanted to know what defined steps could be taken now to get the ball rolling. There was some discussion on where the best location would be for the sign since 2/3 of the population live north of the current location of the City Building. The Mayor suggested having the Beautification Committee take over the project. All members of the committee said they would be happy to work on this project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He thanked everyone for voting on November 5th and has enjoyed working with council. He is looking forward to working with them for the next year.

Kyle Sparks: He enjoyed having the businesses at the meeting tonight and will be working with businesses as the city moves forward.

Sue Neltner: She is in the process of working with Kim Wagner on planning the 3rd Annual Craft Show. It will take place on March 14, 2020. Ms. Neltner also shared she will be teaching students how to sew at the Wednesday Youth Program on November 13 & 20. The projects will benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

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Bob Simon: Mr. Simon offered to cancel his Public Works meeting on December 5 and allow the Finance Committee to take that time slot for their special meeting.

Susan Vanlandingham: She shared her thoughts about the Branson website. The Government live feed, the services page, and residents page were all really nice and she hopes the city's website has some of those same features.

Stacey Graus: There may be some opportunities in the future for expansion of the city that could impact business development and revenue. He is still in communication with the individuals, but it may take some time.

Mayor Schabell: Wanted to congratulate Tom Baldrige on winning the election. He has really enjoyed working with him over the past several months. He also extended the invitation for any business in Alexandria to come to a council meeting to share what they are doing in the city.

FUTURE MEETINGS

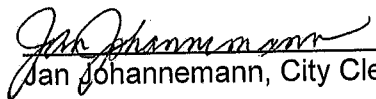
- Code Enforcement Bd. – November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning – November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Every Wednesday. 2:30-4:30 – Open Gym for Middle & High Schoolers, on 11/13 it will be moved to the Annex building
- December 6, 6:00 p.m. – Light Up Alexandria (stores will stay open till 9:00 p.m.)
- November 23, 7:00 p.m. – Campbell County Night at NKU basketball game, discounted tickets for Campbell County residents.

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 7:53 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 12/2/19


Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 11/30/19