



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of August 16, 2018**

***PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of receiving and reviewing public comment regarding the proposed property tax rate for 2018.***

In the absence of the Mayor, Chair Sue Neltner called the Alexandria Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Duncan explained this public hearing is pursuant to KRS 132.027 in order to hear public comment regarding the proposed property tax rate for 2018. The assessment was received from the PVA, calculations were performed, and the legal ad for this hearing was published twice in the newspaper. The tax rate for 2017 was 17.4 cents per \$100 of valuation; the proposed tax rate for this year will also be 17.4 cents per \$100. The compensating tax rate for 2018 is 17.0 cents per \$100. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the citizens to comment on the proposed tax rate of 17.4 cents because the proposed rate is a bit higher than the compensating tax rate. Last year's tax rate raised \$1,119,000; the proposed tax rate for this year will raise \$1,151,292. The compensating tax rate would have raised \$1,124,826.

There being no comment from the public, the hearing was officially closed at 7:02 pm.

Chair Sue Neltner then called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 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	Scott Fleckinger	Present
Sue Neltner	Present	Andy Schabell	Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk	Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Mike Ward, Police Chief	Sam Trapp, Public Works Superintendent
Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief	Dave Hart, P&Z Chairman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2, 2018**

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2018, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-1 vote with Stacey Graus abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS**

**1. Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief, Alexandria Fire District** – Here to fulfill the special district requirements to report to the largest population of a government body they serve regarding their upcoming tax hearing. This will be held on **Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.** at the Alexandria Fire Station. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 to set the tax rate. The 2018 tax rate will remain the same at 2017 at 18 cents per \$100, and should generate approximately \$1,600,000. He gave a brief explanation on how the fire district operates, personnel, grants, and activities. They cover over 25 square miles serving about 17,000 residents.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

*Mr. Duncan read the following First Readings:*

**ORD #2018-06:** Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment to rezone the Lange/Atkinson real estate located at 7010 Alexandria Pike from its current zoning of R-1V (Residential 1-V) to HC (Highway Commercial), subject to

the submitted Site Development Plan, to the approved variances, and to the agreed conditions of approval in order to construct and operate an automated car wash.

Mr. Duncan explained the Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 17, 2018, at which time the public had the opportunity to speak, and the applicant and his engineer presented the application for the zoning map amendment. Questions were answered and P&Z approved the two variances. The Commission also found the application was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. There were three conditions imposed and agreed to by the applicant.

Ms. Vanlandingham wanted to go on record now to voice some concerns as she will not be at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. She is not opposed to the R-1V zone change, but her main concern is the traffic and the potential safety hazard that could develop with the entrance and exit of this plan, along with the fact that Cedar Lane and Roger Steffen Way all come together within feet of each other. She foresees the southbound emergency lane becoming a turn lane into this business during high traffic time and wondered how this might be remedied. She was also concerned that the City may be setting a precedence for being too flexible on how the ordinances are defined and making changes to those ordinances. This plan is asking for two variances and has three additional conditions attached. How will the city enforce the condition that the timers on the vacuums will only run between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., and what happens if the property is sold to another owner? Mr. Duncan explained if this is approved with those conditions, then the conditions become a part of the zoning requirements for that property from now on.

There was much discussion regarding this ordinance, how the Planning Commission comes up with their decisions, the variances, the conditions attached to approval, and potential problems on US 27.

Mr. Ron Johnson, 7000 Alexandria Pike, whose property is next to the subject property, then spoke about his concerns. He believes the plan is too crowded for the lot, and there will be problems with the traffic leaving Cedar Lane and turning left onto US27, which is directly across from the service road in the Village Green Shopping Center.

Discussion about how improvements could be made to this section, along with the 709 connector road, given the additional traffic that will be using the roads in the future. US 27 is a state highway and it can be difficult when dealing with KYDOT.

**ORD #2018-07:** Providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an ad valorem tax of 17.4 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation (\$1.74 per \$1,000) of real property in the City for the 2018 assessment tax year, and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

*Mr. Duncan then read the following:*

**MUN ORD #2018-17:** Appointing and approving Rick Carr as a member of the Alexandria Park & Recreation Board to fill the unexpired four-year term of Jeremy Toy, to expire on December 31, 2018 or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Mun. Ord. #2018-18, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Clerk – Jan Johannemann:** The Clerk's office is gearing up for the annual audit at the end of August. Also, we have received over 50 employment applications for the Administrative Clerk's position that will be opening up soon.

**Community Center:** See report attached.

**Public Works:** See report attached.

**Zoning Administrator:** See report attached.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Personnel – Andy Schabell:** They met tonight to discuss challenges with retirement and policing.

**Public Works – Bob Simon:** Bids were received for the 2018 Street Program which include Grandview, Neltner, Cherrywood, Flatwood, Driftwood, 500 ft. on Brookwood, and Sunset Drive. The low bidder was Bluegrass Paving for \$325,401. The Engineer’s estimate was \$416,100, so with the low bid, there might be another street added to the list.

**MOTION:** Scott Fleckinger made a motion to accept Bluegrass Paving’s bid in the amount of \$325,401, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Three council members will be absent for the September 6th council meeting, so it will have to be cancelled, along with the Public Works and Beautification Committee meetings. A special city council meeting will need to be scheduled so the tax rate can be set and tax bills can be mailed out along with a second reading and vote on Ordinance 2018-06 as well.

**Safety – Susan Vanlandingham:** They met tonight to discuss excessive speed on the AA Highway. Both Campbell County and Alexandria PD have been spending a lot of time policing that road. Also, the directional signage at Pat Fanning Way and Village Green has been changed. Sam Trapp is now working on having arrows painted on the road.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- August 24 at 9:00 – Movie Night at the Park “Despicable Me 3”
- August 25 – Dog Days at the Alexandria Community Park
- August 29 – Alexandria Fair Parade starts at 6:30 this year.
- September 10 - October 29 – Campbell County Citizens Academy

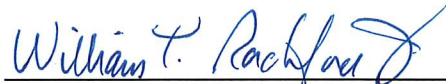
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fleckinger. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 8-24-18



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 8-23-18

Approved: *August 23, 2018*