



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(Via videoconference)
Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020

Mayor Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Special 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 Mike Duncan, City Attorney
 Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt. Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
 JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 4, 2020

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Sue Neltner abstaining.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

RES #2020-05 – Cares Act: A resolution authorizing the filing of a Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) Application for Reimbursement of Incurred Expenses in CRF funds with the Department for Local Government (“DLG”); authorizing and directing Mayor Andy Schabell to act as the authorized correspondent for reimbursement.

Mr. Duncan explained this Resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit the application for the CARES money and to deal with the funds to help the city recover money spent on COVID.

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-05, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Duncan then read the following: (1st reading)

ORD #2020-07: An ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, by estimating revenues and resources, and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Cooper reported they are beginning to return to normal procedures and officers are doing speed enforcement in subdivisions. He reminded everyone to slow down as there are a lot more people out walking and kids playing. The department participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Challenge along with many other police departments in the area. This program helped Girl Scout troops sell their cookies because they were not able to get out to sell. The cookies will be donated back out into the community to local hospitals, after school programs and the Campbell County lunch program. They were able to purchase 30 cases (360 boxes).

Fire Department: Chief Pohlman reported runs are increasing.

Public Works: Mr. Trapp reported the sidewalk program in Brookwood is finished and his crew are moving on to other areas that need to be addressed. They are keeping busy with patching, mowing grass and other items.

Zoning Administrator: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: The committee will meet on July 16.

Bs. Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: They will meet on July 2nd. There is a lot to talk about. He gave an update on some of the businesses around town and changes coming.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: They will not meet in July to allow the Business Retention & Development Committee to meet. She will attend meeting the Light up Alexandria group next Thursday.

Public Works – Bob Simon: They will meet on July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Riegler was notified they won the bid for the street program.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: The committee met this evening and discussed safety issues along 27, sidewalks, signage and stops sign requests. The next meeting will be on August 20.

Finance – Stacey Graus: They met for a special meeting last week, and were able to arrive at a budget for the upcoming year.

NEW BUSINESS

June 2020 P&L Report: See attached.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the code enforcement section of the Zoning Administrator's report, council would like to see more detail. The report is pretty vague and they want to see what happened after a citation was issued. Mr. Sparks asked what could be done to make this a more detailed process and understand what is going on in the city. Chief Cooper explained every time a citation is issued, there is a report created, and that can be forwarded to council. Once there is a violation, they try to give everyone a chance to comply.

Councilmembers want to know what can be done to give the city's ordinances more "teeth" in order to address the repeat offenders that seem to always be part of the discussion. Mr. Duncan pointed out the city has a strong code enforcement system in place with regarding to nuisances and zoning violations. Violators are given a warning, then will be issued a citation and levy fines. If fines are not paid within seven days, then the Code Enforcement Board would get involved and levy more fines. Liens can be issued for properties and ultimately the city could foreclose on the liens. This rarely happens, but the citation can stick and the fines add up. Ms. Neltner thinks there is a lack of follow-through. Mr. Sparks would like to see a level of detail on some of the serial issues that have gone on for a long time. It is just not fair to devalue a neighbor's property because they are not following code.

Mayor Schabell stated the city has tried to address some of the issues in regards to a particular business, but they have hit some roadblocks from the EPA, County Attorney and other agencies. He wants this conversation to continue and hopes they can get more accomplished once they can meet in person again. It was stated they don't want to run anyone out of business, but they want to ensure safety for everyone.

Revised Road Aid Monies: Road Aid has been cut by 10% by the State. The new total is \$154,088.05. This is due to COVID and people not driving as much as they were before.

TANK Update: The original plan was to remove Alexandria from their route with the closest location at the Meijer parking lot. Mayor Schabell reported TANK listened to our voices but they will still see some changes. The 25X route will now stop at Alexandria Village Green.

COVID-19 Update: Changes should be coming beginning in July when groups of 50 or less are allowed. Council will begin meeting in-house according to social distancing guidelines. The office is still closed to the public but there have not been any complaints.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sue Neltner: She is working with Kim Wagner on the Virtual Craft Show. They will be reviewing the list and then begin to advertise. This will be a free "event" for the vendors as there were many who had extra product on hand for the planned Spring Craft Show that was cancelled. This is just a way the city can help to bridge the gap between consumers and vendors. Look for details in the coming days on Facebook and the website.

Mayor Schabell reported he has a meeting to work on an opening day for the Community Center, playground and park shelters. He is hoping to have an update at the July 2 meeting. The in-person council meetings will also be live streamed.

Bob Simon: He had someone ask if golf carts were allowed to be driven in subdivisions. It was explained they are prohibited by law, but the city could pass an ordinance approving them. This was a topic of discussion at a Safety Committee meeting about a year ago, and the consensus was that golf carts would not be a safe option on the type of streets that are in the city. If someone were to be caught driving a golf cart on a city street it would result in a fine of \$165.

Mayor Schabell: He continues to have weekly phone calls with the other Campbell County mayors. Dr. Rust asked Mayor Schabell to be on the Campbell County Schools Reopening Work Group whose job is to decide what it will look like to reopen the schools in the fall.

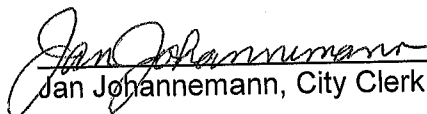
QUESTIONS FROM EMAIL – None

COMMUNICATIONS


Saturday, July 4th Independence Day – City offices will be closed on July 3rd

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Date: 7/2/2020



Andy Schabell, Mayor
Date: 7/2/2020