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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Via Video Conference) Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2020

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
Tom Baldrige	Present	Kyle Sparks	Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk                      Mike Duncan, City Attorney  
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief                      JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer  
Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.                      Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 19, 2020

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1, Kyle Sparks abstaining.

### **VISITORS & GUESTS** – None

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS** – None

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Johannemann reported the city received the waste bid from Rumpke last week. She is currently reconciling the reports of properties and will meet with Rumpke in the coming weeks to compare. Delinquent tax notices will be sent out this week for unpaid property taxes. She will also be contacting the newly elected council members to get them set up for next year.

**Police Department:** The report for November is attached and Chief Cooper thanked everyone for their donations for the Blessing Bags which will help homeless in the area. The social workers were able to deliver 25 backpacks to local shelters for the homeless. There were some backpacks left over, so the officers will be putting them in their cruisers to hand out as they encounter folks who may be in need.

It is the time of year where folks are getting items delivered and those items being stolen off of porches. He reminded residents to be vigilant. A new state-wide finger printing system, will be going live on December 9. After that point the Police Department will no longer be able to provide finger printing services of any kind. Once they have all of the details, they will post the information on the Police Department Facebook page.

**Fire Department:** Chief Pohlman emailed his report to everyone (see attached). The low number of EMS runs are attributed to folks not calling for squad because of the increased COVID numbers. They have upgraded their PPE to better protect themselves and others. Chief Pohlman also explained the process the department has to do during a run and after a run, and they have limited the numbers of interns and overnights. There is a barrel in the Fire Department lobby for their coat drive to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Anyone looking to do open burning needs to come to the station for a permit. Anyone entering their building needs to wear a mask.

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The Fire Department will be cancelling Santa on the Fire Truck this year. Because of the logistics that go into pulling it off every year, and the COVID numbers where they are, there would be added difficulty with trying to keep everyone safe.

Mr. Sparks asked if there were particular hours to drop off the coats. Chief Pohlman explained it would be best to drop off during business hours as the door automatically locks at 4:00 p.m. for safety reasons. There is a button to the left of the door that will ring the phone inside the station and someone will answer the door.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Finance – Stacey Graus:** They are going to change the allocations for the investment account to be a little more aggressive allocating about 35% to stocks.

**Beautification – Sue Neltner:** Nominations for the Holiday/Christmas lights are due December 17, 2020 and voting will go until December 28, 2020. She will take the sign to the winner's home, and take a picture to post, especially if the first meeting in January is all virtual.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** – None

## NEW BUSINESS

**New Waste Bid-Rumpke:** Ms. Johannemann explained the city received two waste bid envelopes. However, Best Way's envelope contained a notice declining to offer a bid. The only bid the city received was from Rumpke. The price did increase from this past year, but there are not a lot of options for waste removal companies in the area. There is good communication and customer service from folks at Rumpke.

*Mr. Duncan read the following: 1<sup>st</sup> reading*

**ORD #2020-13:** An ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending Section 50.15 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to modify the City's waste and recycling collection assessment.

Mr. Duncan took a few moments to explain the additional section in the ordinance that lays out the two additional year options and the associated cost.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the bid from Rumpke for waste collection for the next three years with the two-year option, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor 5-0-0.

## OLD BUSINESS

**COVID 19 Update:** The city is still fully operational but things do look a little different. The Police Department office remains closed, the clerk's office is open with a divider and residents are asked to wear a mask. The Public Works employees are working individually or wearing masks when they are working together.

Mayor Schabell reported Governor Beshear announced he would be opening up \$50 million of CARES Act money for cities that have already used up their first allotted amount. The City of Alexandria has already spent the first round and so we are eligible for an additional \$218,727. The deadline to submit is December 11 and Ms. Hackworth has already begun the process of filling out the paperwork to collect the second round of money. Mayor Schabell said he would like to offer another round of small business grants, ranging from \$1000-\$2500. This would only apply to those who have been directly impacted by the last round of orders from the Governor's office, i.e. gyms, sit-down restaurants, etc. He would consult with Stacey Graus, Scott Fleckinger and Ms. Hackworth

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as he did in the previous round of grants. Council agreed to allow the Mayor to work with the group and develop a second round of grant funding.

The Community Center is closed for the month of December and it may be closed in January as well, but that decision will be made later this month.

Mr. Sparks asked about the vaccinations and whether the city would have part in the vaccination schedules. Mayor Schabell said the first round of the vaccine will be available by December 15, 2/3 of these will go to nursing homes and nursing home workers; the other 1/3 will go to 11 hospitals throughout the State, St. Elizabeth being one of them. It has been reported that over 60% of the deaths have come from nursing homes and residential facilities.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Susan Vanlandingham:** She took a few moments to say thank you to everyone and how she has enjoyed working with everyone.

**Susan Neltner:** She took a few moments to thank everyone as well. She has enjoyed the last six years serving on council. She hopes that the craft show and the Light Up Alexandria events continue, and she will continue to serve as a lay person as needed.

**Mayor Schabell:** He encouraged everyone to tune in to Facebook every day to see what Allie the Elf is up to next. She helped to light up the Christmas Tree as well. Light Up Alexandria began this week, but the Mayor encouraged residents to visit all businesses whether they are participating in the event or not.

Mayor Schabell went through the list of the council members who are leaving and listed how long they served and their accomplishments.

- **Susan Vanlandingham** - Served for 3.5 years, and served as the Chair of the Safety Committee. She has worked tirelessly with the State to get things done. The city is better off because of her efforts.
- **Sue Neltner** - Served for 6 years, and served as the Chair of the Beautification Committee. She has done a great job and brought back the Beautification Awards and the Craft Show. She was a huge advocate for Light up Alexandria. She has been a champion for local businesses.

Mayor Schabell read a thank you email from Bob Simon who was not able to attend the meeting. He thanked the staff, department heads, mayors for all that has been accomplished in the 10 years he has served.

- **Bob Simon** - Served for 10 years, and served as the Chair of the Public Works Committee. He has done a great job in getting roads paved.

Once the plaques are ready Mayor Schabell will get those delivered to the three outgoing members. The three members will be missed but he is also excited to see how things progress with the three who are coming on board.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Planning & Zoning & Public Hearing – Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Dec. 17, CANCELLED

## COMMUNICATIONS

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- Nov. 30 thru Dec. 18 – Sock donations for Seniors, bins will be out front from 8-4, M-F
- Dec. 17 @ 3:00 p.m. – Christmas/Winter Nominations for Beautification Award due
- Dec. 18 – Angel Tree donations due. Call the office and pick a number and an item will be given to you for purchase. Call the office with questions. There will be a bin outside the Community Center for drop off and the officers will check that throughout the evening. Gifts should be unwrapped.
- Dec. 24, 25 – Christmas Holidays (Office Closed)

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
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Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 1/7/2021

  
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Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 1/7/2021