

# ORIGINAL



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

(Via Video Conference)

Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021

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	Steven Shinkle	Present
W. David Hart	Present	Joe Anderson	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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2021**

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

*Mr. Duncan read the following:*

**ORD #2021-02 (Second Reading):** An ordinance of the City of Alexandria creating a non-exclusive franchise for the erection, laying operation and maintenance of electric transmission and distribution facilities and appurtenant equipment in, along, and across the public ways, roads, streets, alleys and other public places in the City of Alexandria, Kentucky; for furnishing and selling electricity by means of said facilities; and providing for the sale of said franchise.

**ORD #2021-03 (Second Reading):** An ordinance of the City of Alexandria creating a non-exclusive franchise for the erection, laying operation and maintenance of natural gas transmission and distribution facilities and appurtenant equipment in, along, and across the public ways, roads, streets, alleys and other public places in the City of Alexandria, Kentucky; for furnishing and selling natural gas by means of said facilities; and providing for the sale of said franchise.

Mr. Duncan expects Duke Energy will bid on both of these as they have in the past. These ordinances create the franchise and authorize the bid process for them.

**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinances 2021-02 and 2021-03, seconded Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**MO #2021-09:** Appointing Brett Faulkner to fill the unexpired term of Sam Ruebusch on the City of Alexandria Code Enforcement Board for the remainder of his full three-year term to expire on December 31, 2021, or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

**MOTION:** Steven Shinkle made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-09, seconded Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mayor Schabell said there are still two alternate spots to be filled on the Code Enforcement Board.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** It has been business as usual.

**Police Department:** See report attached. He pointed out the city does have an ordinance against pushing the snow onto the roadway from driveways. Public Works had put in many hours to clear the streets, and violators could be cited. The PD is planning a final food distribution day at The Bridge Church on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00. There is some grant money left, so if logistics can be worked out, there could be some make-up days in early March.

**Fire Department:** See attached report.

**Public Works:** Since Sam Trapp spent 54 extra hours plowing snow these past two weeks, he will not have a report until March. Mayor Schabell said the community is grateful, as this was a significant snowfall that also included sleet and ice. They used approximately 300 tons of salt this past week. Mr. Trapp said he has a great crew.

**Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement:** See attached reports.

**Community Center:** No report. The Community Center is still closed to the public and they will continue to monitor the COVID numbers to decide what to do in March.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

**Ad Hoc – Stacey Graus:** They will be meeting soon to review the grant applications.

**Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks:** They met tonight and came up with some good ideas to move forward with business recognition.

**Public Works – Tom Baldrige:** The next meeting will be March 4, 6:00 p.m.

**Personnel – Steven Shinkle:** They met tonight and discussed PD pay and benefit information.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** The next meeting will be March 18, 6:00 p.m.

### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

**Planning & Zoning:** Wendy Moeller was supposed to be at the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, but the meeting was cancelled because of weather.

**Ethics:** They met on February 9<sup>th</sup> to elect new officers and review Financial Interest Statements.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Small Business Grants Update:** A number of applications have been received. They will meet next week to make decisions on what to do if more than 20 applications come in before the February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Profit/Loss Report:** See attached report. There were no questions.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Campbell County Recorder:** Mr. Sparks wondered how many unwanted Recorders were scooped up with the snow removal process this past week. He is all for the Recorder being successful, but not many people want the printed version any more. Mr. Duncan had sent an email detailing action the city could take to stop this. Lexington addressed this issue in 2014 by creating an ordinance about how/where unsolicited or written materials newspapers could be delivered. He stressed we are always up against the First Amendment whenever there is any type of regulation imposed. The Lexington Herald did sue the city to restrain the implementation of the ordinance, but after going through several appeals processes, the ordinance was deemed valid, as long as there are reasonable means of providing the written material. If council is interested, he will do more research

and then draft an ordinance that would only apply to unsolicited papers. People who don't want the paper are not picking it up, and then it ends up in the gutters and clogging storm sewers.

This goes on in different areas of Alexandria and Mr. Sparks would like to ask the Recorder to stop the unsolicited deliveries. Then if it doesn't stop, the city could create this ordinance as a last resort. He thinks there are probably 10% of the people that want the Recorder, and he doesn't want to deny them the opportunity, but not at the expense of litter in the streets.

There was more discussion about creating an ordinance and enforcement. The decision was to wait to see if we can get somewhere with the Recorder deliveries before spending the time/money on an ordinance and possibly cause the city to be sued. There might be other ways to arrange for the Recorder to be available to those who want it.

**CDBG Grant:** A public hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2021. The County Attorney prefers in-person public hearings rather than virtual. Mr. Duncan thinks that structurally, it is better to have a live public hearing, and he respects Attorney Franzen's opinion on this matter.

**COVID 19 Update:** The numbers continue to fall, but they are still higher than last June/July when council meetings were held in person. Kentucky is still the red, but vaccines are rolling out. Gov. Beshear recently announced that the Alexandria Walmart is going to be a COVID vaccine site, and Chief Cooper will work with Walmart to make sure this is a smooth process.

Mr. Anderson asked how the residents will be updated on when the vaccine is available. Mayor Schabell explained the city will find out the same as everyone else. Vaccines should be opened up to the 1C group in the coming weeks, but there will still be more eligible people than available vaccines.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Stacey Graus:** He can't wait until the Winter and COVID are behind us, and although Winter will end before COVID, at least there is light at the end of the tunnel.

**Kyle Sparks:** He echoes those comments.

**Tom Baldridge:** He asked how many responses were received on the P&Z survey. As of February 11, there were 446 responses. He also thanked Public Works for their hard work and long hours clearing the streets of snow and ice. They did a fantastic job.

**Joe Anderson:** He also complimented Public Works for a good job. Alexandria's streets were some of the cleanest in the area.

**Dave Hart:** He also thanked Sam and his crew.

**Mayor Schabell:** He has been monitoring the COVID situation daily, listening to the governor's updates, and participating in the weekly mayor calls.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 2, 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning
- March 3, 7:00 p.m. Code Enforcement


## COMMUNICATIONS:

- Throughout February, Story Walk of "Over and Under the Snow" is illustrated along the Lake Loop at the Park.
- Trout delivery was delayed due to the weather

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:** There were no questions or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Dave Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 3/4/2021

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor

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