



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of July 1, 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
Joe Anderson	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present
Tom Baldrige	Present	Kyle Sparks	Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
 Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
 Stephanie Tarter, Adm. Clerk
 Mike Duncan, City Attorney
 Jeff Pohlman, Alexandria Fire Dept.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS:

1. Jeff Lester, Signal Networking, Washington & Main Streets – Mr. Lester presented information for a new city sign. His business has done a limited number of signs, including Bishop Brossart High School and St. Thomas School. The Company they use is called Cirrus. The sign comes in 1 x 2 panels and one would purchase as many panels needed to make the desired size. The panels only come full color, and can be single or double sided. Everything runs off one control. Mr. Lester then explained how the panels are connected, and the specifics. The signs can take temperatures from 158 to -40 degrees, and all the hardware comes with a five-year warranty. If one panel goes bad, that one panel can be pulled and replaced fairly easily.

There are free updates on the software and lifetime training and support. Once the panels are built, the company will walk the user through the training through an account set up on the website. A year's worth of signs could be set up. Messages can be rotated; it is not limited to just one message at a time. The software communicates either through Wi-Fi, or cellular. The estimated LED lifetime is 100,000 hours, and the sign can be dimmed either by scheduling or manually.

A 2 x 8 double-sided display (16 panels with 16,000 pixels per face) is approximately \$15,000, plus \$400 for shipping. This sign would work at 120 volts in a 120-amp circuit. 3 x 8 and 4 x 8 displays would require a 240 volt 20-amp circuit.

A 3 x 8 double-sided display is about \$19,000 plus \$500 shipping and weighs 240 pounds; a 4 x 8 is about \$20,000 plus \$500 shipping, and weighs 320 pounds. BBHS's sign is 4 x 8.

The cost includes just the frame and the sign itself. It would have to be bolted to something. The sign is dust-proof and water-proof. The company can remote in and check the internet, and then they can work on the sign to get it working again.

Mr. Graus wanted to confirm if the City ever wanted to move the sign, they would just have to erect new poles, run electric and move the panels. Mr. Lester confirmed this is correct.

There was more discussion about the desired sign size, display, possible issues and what should be installed to bolt the panels to. Mr. Lester said Cirrus recommended he quote the cellular price as Wi-Fi can sometimes be unreliable. However, he is not sure if there is a monthly charge for cellular service. If the city wants to move forward, he will find out the cost.

Mr. Lester was concerned about the city's sign ordinance with regard to color and rotation, but Mr. Duncan explained the sign ordinance will be updated soon.

2. Lloyd Rogers, 101 Ridgeway Crossing: He recently had a discussion with Sam Trapp about a bad spot in the street in front of his house. He believes Sam doesn't seem to know certain things. Mr. Rogers is a certified road inspector and he has been in construction all his life. He also believes Duke was "hydrovac-ing" on a pit close to where that block of concrete was sinking. He thinks the street needs to be opened up and have the gas company there to check on what is underneath the bad spot in the road.

Also, he believes Ron Schumacher poured 3,500 lb. concrete in his subdivision, and it should have been 4,000 lb. He wants to make sure the new apartment development along US27 will have the 4,000 lb. concrete poured and he is going to keep a close eye on this. It was pointed out that the roads in the apartment complex will be private streets. Mr. Rogers suggested the city obtain a 2019 Kentucky Transportation Standards for Road Construction book on concrete information, and provided a number (502-564-4610) to order one. If the city is going to pay for an engineer and later on the street is not poured at the 4,000 lb. mix, they ought to make them take it out.

He also mentioned on

Trapp Court there are cones that have been there for a long time, possibly 15 years. There is a puddle of water on the side of the road and thinks someone should look at that.

Also mentioned was the Blue Roo noise. He had purchased a noise meter for \$25 when Duke was working outside his home to measure the amount of noise they were making. He looked up the City's Code of Ordinances that shows an 85 decibel max, which he believes the EPA thinks is harmful to your health. He thinks this should be put in the Planning & Zoning regulations.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

MO2021-10 Appointing and approving Stephanie Tarter as Assistant City Clerk for the City of Alexandria.

MOTION: Steven Shinkle made a motion to adopt Municipal Order #2021-10, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Mayor Schabell said this promotion is well-deserved. The Motion was brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Duncan then administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Stephanie.

Mr. Michael Waddell, Northern Kentucky Area Development District was present to answer any questions and gave a brief overview of the next two resolutions to be read. This particular part of the process is for the release of funds for the CDBG grant. Because this is a federal grant, certain steps need to be taken and a lot of this is simply a formality. This grant is for utility relief and there will be no construction involved, but the steps still need to be followed. If everything is completed by the end of July, monies could be released by October/November.

RES2021-07 Authorizing and approving certain actions in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Utility Relief Program.

RES2021-08 Appointing Title VI Coordinator and Section 504 Committee.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolutions #2021-07 and #2021-08, seconded by Steven Shinkle. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Today is the first day of the new fiscal year. The office is now gearing up for tax season and the annual audit.

Police Department: Chief Cooper reported their new lateral officer, Matthew Perkins, started on June 14th. He will be at a future meeting so council can meet him. The department will continue to take applications for a new police recruit until July 31st.

Fire Department: See report attached. They have two vacancies for firefighter/paramedics. There are a lot of openings for positions all over so the competition is tight. They are looking into ways to remedy this situation and ramp up their efforts in recruiting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works – Tom Baldrige: The next meeting will be August 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Safety – Joe Anderson: They will meet on September 2.

Business Retention – Kyle Sparks: The next meeting will be July 15. He does have someone who has filled out an application for the sign at AA and 709 as of yesterday. We should know by next week if it is approved. Getting traffic up 709 will also help other businesses.

Personnel – Steven Shinkle: The next meeting will be September 16.

Beautification – Susan Vanlandingham: The next meeting will be August 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – Stacey Graus: The next meeting will be August 19.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Duncan said Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 6 on the Comprehensive Plan. After the public hearing, P&Z will vote on whether or not approve it and then send it on to City Council. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Graus sees the sign advertising the Old Town District when he drives down Washington Street, but is it pointing toward 27. He wondered if there was any way it could point toward Old Town. The Mayor will check with Sam Trapp.

OLD BUSINESS

New City Sign: Mr. Baldrige asked if a Request for Proposal is needed. Mr. Duncan said if it is under \$30,000, no RFP is required and the price quoted by Mr. Lester was low. Mr. Graus is comfortable that more money would be spent on putting together the proposal than what would be saved by using the current estimate. He also feels comfortable with a local company. Mr. Baldrige will contact Mr. Lester for prices, and get with Mr. Trapp to find out who to contact at the State for the easement. Mayor Schabell would like to see the cellular option. Ms. Vanlandingham also wants to see what the cost would be for the structure and to run electric.

Blue Roo Car Wash Noise: With the help from the Fire Department, the city did take some readings on Monday and the email with the reported numbers were provided to council members. There was a short discussion on the large differences in the readings that were taken, and Chief Cooper said it is probably because the noise was measured at different locations (standing at the door of the car wash versus standing on Cedar Lane). None of the readings were in violation. The next step is for Carol Hofstetter to contact with the City Engineer to see about how to abate the

noise. Mr. Graus thinks something like the panels used on the interstate would work and we wouldn't need many. He wonders if the state has any surplus.

Covid-19 Update: On a recent phone call with Gov. Beshear, it was reported there have been eight straight weeks of declining cases in Kentucky. The state is below 2% and hospitals are in good shape. 99.7% of new cases in Kentucky are from unvaccinated individuals. Moderna and Pfizer have both been found effective in preventing the Delta variant after the second dose. Campbell County is in the green for the first time in a long while. Good news across the board this shows and vaccines are working.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: The mobile health unit will be here on Monday, and he was tested there two years ago. He was told plaque buildup is a precursor to strokes, so it is important to keep this in check. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the testing.

Joe Anderson: He hopes everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday weekend.

Kyle Sparks: Now that everyone is coming out of the Covid pandemic, it is time to start talking about projects discussed pre-Covid. He will be bringing up the subject of a dog park in Alexandria on the new city campus at the next meeting.

There was then discussion of what projects would be best for the new campus. Another project mentioned was a new salt barn. Mr. Sparks is against a salt barn in the new area, and thinks room should be made in the old area. A salt barn would not be the best-looking structure on a new campus. Mr. Graus is concerned about the price tag and location of the salt barn. Ms. Vanlandingham agrees.

Steven Shinkle: Congratulations again to Stephanie Tarter. The promotion is well deserved.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- July 6, 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning with Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan
- July 7, 7:00 p.m. Park & Rec

COMMUNICATIONS:

- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 5 – City offices will be closed for Independence Day
- July 6, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Stroke & Cardiovascular Screenings at the Community Center – To register, call 859-301-9355

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steven Shinkle. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 7/15/2021


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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