

Town of Alexandria

Minutes for Meeting

August 27, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town Of Alexandria met for the monthly town meeting on August 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Alexandria Town Hall, DeKalb County Tennessee.

The council members in attendance were Mayor Beth Tripp, Jeff Ford, Bobby Simpson, Luke Prichard and Jonathon Tripp.

Prayer and Pledge was led by Jeff Ford.

Motion was made to approve minutes for July 23, 2024 and July 29, 2024 meeting. Motion was 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for public comment. Charles Anderson reported fixing a sign cautioning children playing and requested prayers for his wife who is in hospice care. Another resident spoke on why residents questions were not being answered by the board or mayor. Another resident spoke on the water quality, expense and the state now being involved in water issues. Sherry Tubbs spoke on water issues as well along with her concerns on the money that was raised for the city park. Curtis Rutter addressed concerns with water issues as he was the previous mayor from May 2024 to August 2024.

Floor was opened to hear customer hearing for Jill Hall of 165 Brush Creek Circle and Angelic Davis of 211 Locust Street. Neither party was present.

John Partridge, fire chief, gave the monthly report for the fire department. John also spoke on the State Fire Department grant money of \$22,000 that will be used to purchase new equipment for the fire department. John spoke on mechanical issues for one of the fire trucks, the ceiling in the fire station needing repairs and two exhaust fans that have gone down in the last month. John spoke on meeting with Marq Labs and Jerry Warren to finalize sprinkler plans that are being installed in Marq Labs along with some new fire hydrants on the rear side of the building.

The Board reported that there have been a number of complaints as the entities, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, TDEC, visiting to the board advised that TDEC has also had received complaints. The complaints raise

concerns as to financial, technical, managerial competence of the entity and warrant further investigation by board staff. Based on the board staff recommendations. 1. The entity is placed under administrative review. The entity shall comply with board staff requests for interviews and information. 2. Board staff shall update the board as to its finding as the board connects for meetings. 3. If the entity fails to comply with the board's recommendations, the board shall, with any directors in the order of board staff requests, board staff and council may issue subpoenas for the entity's governing body and a manager to appear before the board during its next meeting.

Richard Potter spoke on behalf of himself explaining the past efforts to improve water quality. Richard explained the history and current issues with the town's water system. Richard spoke on Sykes booster station telemetry system, stating that is a state of the art system that cost \$31,000 that no one knew how to run so the previous administration shut it down and it was abandoned for 58 days.

Unfinished business was heard. Jerry Warren had taken bids for leak detection. Leak detection quotes were heard by the previous administration, the quotes came in. Jerry produced copies of all quotes. A bid of \$12,300 was heard and approved by the board.

A motion was made by Bobby Simpson to appoint Tiffany Robinson as Alderman. Motion 2nd by Luke Prichard. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Jonathon Tripp to appoint Sherry Tubbs as Alderman. Motion 2nd by Jeff Ford. MOTION PASSED.

? Made motion to adjourn. ? 2nd motion. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor _____

Attested _____

Recorder _____