

Town of Alexandria

Meeting Minutes January 31, 2025

The Mayor and board of Alderman of the town of Alexandria met for the monthly meeting on January 31st 2025 at 7 p.m. The meeting was held in the conference room of Alexandria Town Hall, DeKalb County, Tennessee.

The board members in attendance were Mayor Beth Tripp, Luke Prichard, Bobby Simpson, Jonathon Tripp, Jeff Ford, Sherry Tubbs and Tiffany Robinson.

A quorum was established.

Prayer and Pledge was led by Matthew Boss.

Mayor Tripp asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 19th 2024 and the special meeting held on November 27th 2024. Sherry Tubbs made a motion. Motion was 2nd by Jonathon Tripp. MOTION PASSED. There was no quorum established to hold a December meeting.

Second and final reading of the zoning change request presented by Dennis Slager. Motion was made by Bobby Simpson to approve the zoning change request. Motion was 2nd by Luke Prichard. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Tripp thanked the DeKalb County mayor, Matt Adcock, members of the school board and the county commissioners for attending the meeting to speak about extending the local sales tax agreement. Mayor Tripp opened the floor for Matt Adcock to speak. Matt Adcock spoke in favor of extending the agreement. Several members of the county commission attended the meeting in support of extending the agreement as well as Sabrina Farler, principal of the DeKalb West School and Patrick Cripps, director of schools.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for residents to speak. William Lambert, who lives outside of town on New Hope Road, spoke out against extending the local sales tax agreement. Mr. Lambert asked that the town retain the sales tax for local use, to improve the area. Margret Stevens of 202 West Main Street spoke on the topic of backfilling of flood plains that she has spoken about in previous meetings. Ms.

Stevens also spoke on her concerns of the police department needing a decent place to work. Mike Prichard of 33825 Nashville Hwy spoke in agreement of extending the local sales tax agreement. Mayor Tripp closed the floor to resident input.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for the Alderman to discuss and/or vote on extending the local sales tax agreement. Jonathon Tripp made a motion to vote. Motion 2nd by Luke Prichard. MOTION PASSED.

Bobby Simpson – Yes

Luke Prichard – Yes

Jonathon Tripp – Yes

Jeff Ford – Yes

Sherry Tubbs – Yes

Tiffany Robinson – Yes

Motion to extend local sales tax agreement with DeKalb County passed.

Mayor Tripp discussed the Senior Citizens Center needing to renew the lease with the city. Motion was made by Jeff Ford to renew the lease for the senior citizens center. Motion was 2nd by Bobby Simpson. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Tripp gave the monthly mayor report.

The monthly fire report was given by Brian Partridge. (see attached) Mr. Partridge brought before the board that the temporary “Automatic Aid Agreement” with DeKalb County had expired December of 2024. Mr. Partridge requested a motion to extend the agreement. Motion was made by Sherry Tubbs. Motion was 2nd by Jonathon Tripp. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Partridge presented the board with a quote for repairs to the fire hall. Motion was made by Jeff Ford to move forward with repairs to the fire hall. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs. MOTION PASSED.

The monthly police report was given by Chief K.D. Smith. (see attached) Chief Smith presented the board with a quote from JusticeOne, the police reporting software. A workshop was set for Thursday February 6, 2025 to discuss further. The police department has received quotes on equipment. The cost of the equipment will be reimbursed by the National Highway Gant Division. Motion was made by Jeff Ford to purchase equipment. Motion 2nd by Jonathon Tripp. MOTION PASSED.

Street Report was given by Mayor Tripp. (see attached)

Financial report was given by Jessica Howard. (see attached)

Attorney report was given by Matthew Boss. Meeting was shortly paused for an Attorney/Client meeting.

Water and sewer report was given by Rich Potter. Mr. Potter stated that over the years the wastewater plant had not been on the list for inspections with TOSHA. Mr. Potter stated TOSHA will be sending a request, which will need to be signed by the board for approval, to put the sewer plant on the inspection route in the future. Mr. Potter stated there were 8 main water line breaks in 9 days because of the cold weather this month. 1 sewer main line completely stopped up on High Street. Mr. Potter stated the wastewater tanks have never been inspected before; the state is now mandating they are inspected every 5 years. Mr. Potter stated the city maps need to be updated every 5 years; this has not been done since 2010. Mr. Potter stated no issues with the sewer plant. Mr. Potter stated due to the cold weather, residents water lines busted and we did have to purchase water from Wilson Water Authority. Mr. Potter introduced Mr. Evan White to the board for the open engineering position. Mr. White introduced himself to the board. Mr. White presented a statement of qualification to the board. Luke Prichard requested a workshop to get more details from Mr. White. Workshop is scheduled for Thursday February 6, 2025.

Unfinished business; there was no unfinished business.

New business: Seay Church. They will attend the workshop scheduled for Thursday February 6, 2025.

Motion was made by Jonathon Tripp to adjourn. Motion 2nd by Jeff Ford.
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor _____

Attested _____

Recorder _____

