

Town of Alexandria

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the town of Alexandria met for the monthly meeting on November 19th 2024 at 7p.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 Jeff Ford.

Mayor Tripp asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 22, 2024 and October 30, 2024. Bobby Simpson mad a motion. Motion was 2nd by Luke Prichard. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for resident input. Benito Garcia of 402 Locust Street presented the board with a letter he had received from town hall regarding resident building a structure on city main water lines. Rich Potter spoke on his behalf. Rich stated that resident is putting a carport on property; placement is directly on city main water line. Resident has agreed to appear at a planning and zoning meeting.

Mayor Tripp presented residents with the option to speak regarding extending the contract of the local sales tax credit.

Margret Stevens of 202 West Main spoke on concerns of the advantages of renewing the contract for Alexandria residents.

Bobbie Ford of 104 Cumberland Street opposed extending the local sales tax for reasons regarding it not benefitting Alexandria residents.

Mayor Tripp opened the floor for department monthly reports.

Chief KD Smith gave his monthly police report. KD reported that the town is now in compliance with TIBRS. KD is looking into getting grants for new reporting software and equipment. KD presented the board with moving the police department to the vacant doctor's office located at 400 East Public Square. The board made the decision to hold a workshop Tuesday November 26th at 5 p.m. to discuss further. KD presented the board with hiring another full time police officer Veronica Dodge. Motion was made by Jonathon Tripp to re-hire Veronica Dodge for the police department. Motion 2nd by Jeff Ford. MOTION PASSED. KD spoke on residents concerns of the electric outlets on the town square not properly working. With the upcoming Old Timers Day event Mayor Tripp agreed to inquire about an electrician. KD stated he has eliminated a Verizon bill for several iPhones and jet packs that the officers do not use. KD has applied for a LESO program to acquire some vehicles and other equipment for the town. KD has purchased

drug test for his officers to be tested. KD has spoken with Fire Chief John Partridge and he has agreed to test the fire department as well. KD will share the results in the December monthly meeting. KD stated the Drug Fund at Liberty State Bank has the old chief's name on the account and would like it to be changed over to his name. Bobby Simpson mad a motion to put KD on the drug fund at Liberty State bank. Sherry Tubbs 2nd the motion. MOTON PASSED.

Brian Partridge gave the monthly Fire Report. (Attached) The Alexandria Firefighters Association will be purchasing gifts for 47 children through the Angel Tree Program this year.

The board looked over the Street Department monthly report. (Attached)

Rich Potter gave the monthly Water/Sewer report. No new issues with water and sewer at this time.

Attorney report was given by Vester Parsley. Vester is finalizing the paperwork for the sale of town property for Marque Labs.

Beth Tripp gave the monthly mayor report. Beth stated that she is promoting literacy and has brought books for children to take home to town hall.

Mayor Tripp spoke on finalizing the plans for Old Timers Country Christmas.

Dennis Slager submitted a zoning change request for the rezoning of three properties. December 17th at 6:30 p.m. will be the public hearing. Motion was made by Bobby Simpson for zoning change. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs. MOTION PASSED.

Jennifer from the Senior citizens center presented the board with needing a ramp and some other improvements for the center.

Sherry Tubbs proposed holding a workshop for allocating more money for the future mayor and alderman.

Motion was made by Luke Prichard to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Sherry Tubbs. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor _____

Attested _____

Recorder _____

