

**VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES - NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

Mayor Sean Barnes called to Order the Village of Alexandria Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2024, at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Council Member Present: Jeff Baer, Andrew Bottar-Dillen, Herb Lower, Cari Meng, Mike Miller, Kelly Reed

Village Representation: Present - Mayor Sean Barnes, Solicitor David Ball, Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger, Village Zoning Inspector- Jacob Brooks, Police Chief- Dan Bunting, Village Administrator-Vacant

Citizens Attending – Jessica Voit, Mitch Peters

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of 11-7-2024 were read and amended to correct the Safety committee meeting date. Jeff Baer made a motion, seconded by Kelly Reed, to approve the minutes of 11-7-2024 Regular Council as amended. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Public Hearings/Communications

Legislation

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION NO. (not yet assigned) - NEW ZONING RESOLUTION

3rd Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN TIME LIMITS ON PARKING PLACES LOCATED IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND HANDICAPPED PARKING.

Discussion: David Ball outlined the changes to amend the ordinance for the parking hours restrictions for the 2-hour parking spots to be 24/7 and not just between specific times of the day. The pros and cons were discussed and the consensus was that for the 2-hour parking spots listed in Section A would have the 2-hour restrictions from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. to accommodate any resident who may need to park in front of their residence overnight. Can we issue a resident's tag for parking in the off hours?

Andrew Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by Mike Miller, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 as amended. All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING TREES.

Mike Miller made a motion, seconded by Cari Meng, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09. All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A vote was taken with Jeff Baer, Cari Meng, and Mike Miller voting yes and Andrew Bottar-Dillen, Herb Lower, and Kelly Reed voting No. The Chair declared the motion failed due to lack of majority.

Village Officer Reports

Administrator's Report - None

Fiscal Officer's Report-Carol Gissenger

A meeting needs to be scheduled with the Finance Committee to work on the permanent appropriations (temporary until final numbers are in by February). It was decided that they would meet on December 2nd at 7:00 and finish up on December 3rd if necessary. A budget will need to be set for all departments, including the Police and the Museum.

Solicitor's Report – David Ball

In his research of Income Tax options, David used the Ohio Municipal Attorney's Organization as a valuable resource for viewing sample ordinance language to increase the tax from .5 or 1%. The fee for this organization is money well spent and he will want to be able to renew that subscription.

Mayor's Report-Sean Barnes

The Ohio EPA letters referenced 6 specific items. Three have been addressed, extensions have been requested on the others.

Zoning Inspector's Report – Jacob Brooks

Jacob emailed his standing written report to Council and the Mayor.

- 14 W. Main -Nothing has happened since 11/11.
- 27 W. Main – Auxiliary Museum Building – inspected inside and outside conditions so that the Village would have a baseline going forward. Documentation will be made available at the Village Office.
- New Item 147 W. Main – Open Burning issue. Jacob will follow through. Open burning infractions within the Village can be enforced by police and/or the fire department.

Police Department – Dan Bunting

Patrol hours are down.

Committee Reports.

Finance Committee-Mike Miller

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety-Cari Meng

Next meeting is December 3rd.

Service-Jeff Baer

We have a Backflow Ordinance in place but needs to be updated. These are suggested practices. Questions were sent in an email and proposed a meeting with Jim and Jack.

Questions/Discussion

- If those were to pass, would Jack handle the services as Water Service Inspector. No? Jim would work with business.
- If those were to pass, would Jack handle the services as Water Service Inspector? No, he is too busy with his full-time job in Johnstown. Jim Jasper would work with businesses.
- What are the potential costs?
- Who is responsible? Property Owners
- Sean will send specific questions to Jack.
- It would be extremely helpful to have Jim Jasper at the Public Safety Committee Meetings.
- Next meeting is December 19 at 5:30.

Planning Commission - Sean Barnes

Council has the Zoning Resolution for 2nd Reading at this meeting. A MORPC Planning and Zoning Educational Workshop for the benefit of the Planning Commission is being scheduled. Potentially that could happen in lieu of the December 11th Planning Commission meeting, but that has not definitely been decided.

Old Business

- The Village could capitalize on surplus assets by disposing of surplus items. This will bring some funds into the Village. The first two items on the list are a Crown Victoria and a Dump Truck. These could be sold on GovDeals.com. A reserve could be set – suggested \$11,000 for the Dump Truck and \$6,000 - \$7,000 for the Crown Vic. Andrew will create a list of items. Mike will strip the old police equipment off of the Crown Vic in order to sell it. That equipment has little to no monetary value.

A resolution will be needed to use Gov Deals each calendar year.

- RITA Projections - .5% increase would give the Village \$90,000 and a 1% increase would give the village \$170,000. A 2% increase would cover infrastructure which would make it more desirable for economic development.

Questions/Discussion:

- There is a general consensus that a 2% increase would not pass. Most feel that we have a better chance with ½ % increase.
- Would we consider a tax credit for someone working in Alexandria and another municipality? Not at this time.
- Andrew Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by Jeff Baer, to prepare a resolution asking for a ½ % Income Tax Increase. All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried. Dave Ball will have the resolution ready for the next regular meeting.

The deadline to get this on the May ballot is the first week of February.

New Business - No New Business at this time.

Citizen Comments (3-minute time limit)

Mitch Peters attended as a member of the Steering Committee for the St. Alban's Township Comprehensive Plan. If Council has any suggestions or comments, those can be emailed to

Mitch. There is a survey on the St. Alban's Township website. He invited anyone to come to those meetings.

Meeting Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting December 11, 2024, at 5:30pm

Safety Committee Meeting December 3, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Public Service Meeting December 4, 2024, at 5:30pm

Finance Committee December 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting December 3, 2024, at 7pm.

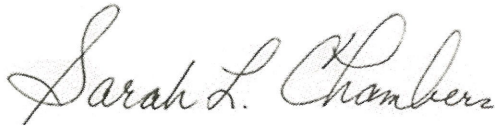
A motion was made by Andrew Bottar-Dillen, seconded by Kelly Reed, to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The vote was all for with the exception of Herb Lower, who was absent at that time. The Chair declared the motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

A motion to end the Executive session was made by Mike Miller, seconded by Andrew Bottar-Dillen. All members in attendance voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried. Executive Session ended at 9:48 p.m.

Adjournment

Mike Miller made a motion, seconded by Andrew Bottar-Dillen to adjourn the council meeting. All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



11/19/2024

Sarah Chambers

Date

Village Secretary

Minutes Certified by:



11/19/2024

Sean Barnes

Date

Chairperson, Mayor